

Rosemary Marks

July 4, 1932 - January 21, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Rosemary Marks announces her passing on January 21, 2021. Although Rosemary struggled with dementia in her later years, she maintained her high level of energy, empathy and amazing sense of humor until recently, when she passed away from Covid-19.

Rosemary was born in Winnipeg, MB in 1932. She attended Rupert's Land Girls School, where she was introduced to both Ballet and Figure Skating. In addition to being awarded a scholarship to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, she continued to excel in Figure Skating, winning Western Canadian Novice, Junior and Senior Ladies Championships, Canadian Junior Ladies Championships. She

completed her BSc at the University of Manitoba on full academic scholarship, also achieving letters in basketball, volleyball, track, tennis and badminton. She then joined the **Ice Capades** Show, first as understudy to Donna Atwood in 1953, and then taking over the lead role two years later. She retired from professional skating in 1957.

Rosemary married Patrick Marks and returned to Winnipeg in 1957 and then moved to Edmonton in 1963. After getting involved in Figure Skating at the Royal Glenora Club, she had many volunteer roles with Skate Canada, including National Level Judge, National Skater Development Chair, Board of Directors. She was assigned Team Lead roles for Championships in Tokyo, Geneva, Seoul, Munich, Brisbane, Budapest, and the Olympic Games in Calgary. When she "retired" from Skate Canada, she became a Director for the Canadian Championships Organizing Committee in Edmonton and the World Championships Organizing Committee in Edmonton. She was recognized for her Skating activities with Keys to the City in Washington DC, Rochester NY, Harrisburg PA, City of Winnipeg Ring, Royal Glenora Club Hall of Fame, Alberta Achievement Award, Edmonton Salute to Excellence Award, Edmonton YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, and the Economic Development Edmonton Ambassador Award.

Rosemary and Patrick golfed at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club, where she chaired the women's golf committee and was the first female elected to the Mayfair's Board of Governors.

Throughout her life, she loved taking on new challenges and meeting new people, celebrating wins, offering encouragement and support. She loved to make people laugh, feel welcome, feel included and enjoyed any opportunity to raise a glass in friendship.

Rosemary leaves behind her children Patrick (Becky), Kelly, and John (Danielle); grandchildren Elliot and Anna, Rob and Katie, Ally and Julia. She was predeceased by her husband Patrick, son-in-law Bob Welsh and parents Pauline Henderson and Gordon Henderson.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held, livestreamed at: <https://youtu.be/8oTV5sQAhZs> on Saturday, January 30, at 11:00. A Celebration of Rosemary's

life will be held later, when safe to do so. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rosemary's name to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta & NWT, or the University Hospital Foundation (Festival of Trees). We would like to thank the staff at Lifestyle Options Whitemud Hidden Treasures for their outstanding care.

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