

IN MEMORIAM

Diane Isabel (née Simpson) Hoskins

April 15, 1935 – June 8, 2020



Diane was born in Montreal. She passed away peacefully at the Ottawa Hospital with her two daughters by her side. She was 85 years of age. The Simpson family moved to Flin Flon, in 1942. She considered it her home town. After graduation from business college, in Winnipeg, she moved back to Flin Flon and into a new position at CFAR Radio where she hosted a daily women's radio show. There she met Donat Hamilton Hoskins, of Craven, an on-air colleague. His initial approach at wooing her was to comment, on-air, "There goes the woman with the greatest legs in Manitoba". Not surprisingly, this did

not have the desired effect on Diane (or her father) as they listened to his broadcasts in the car. Ultimately, he must have done something right: they married on July 16th 1955.

Diane was predeceased by her parents Philip and Isabel Simpson, of Flin Flon and Winnipeg, and her sister Phyllis Russell of Taber. Don passed away in 2012. She is survived by her sister Roberta Simpson of Winnipeg, Robert (Bob) Simpson of Flin Flon and her children Christie (nee Hoskins), (Michael Disley), Hunt Hoskins, (Micheline Nehme) and Donata (nee Hoskins), (Robert Leuenberger). She was the proud grandmother of Philip and Simon Leuenberger and the perfect Wai Po to Isabella Disley.

Diane knew before she married that the only job she wanted in the world, "was to be a Mother". Day one of that job began in 1960 with the arrival of Christie Dawn. In 1964, the workplace grew with Hunt Hamilton, followed in 1968 with Donata Diane. As soon as they began school, she began her extensive volunteer work. Over the years she was active in too many organizations, and with too many interesting causes, to list them all. She used her time and talents for many of the same causes that still need our attention today: health care, politics, women, children, families, indigenous issues and social policy have all benefitted from her efforts. All she needed to know was, "What is your mandate and how can I help?"

Lionel Conrod writes: Diane entered the volkssport picture quite a long time ago. I first met her at the CVF AGM in Borden. At that time, she was the Executive Assistant for the CVF. The CVF rented one room of her townhouse and she carried out the CVF business from there. A few years later, when I was president, Diane became quite ill and eventually she was diagnosed with shingles. Once they knew Diane's problem, it was treatable. Diane was a member of the Ottawa clubs and she often worked at the Start/finish point for the Ottawa clubs. Diane was a fine lady and it was a privilege to have known and have worked with her.

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