



Yvonne Eleanor (Tumman) Leslie

May 13, 1936 - February 4, 2026

Yvonne Eleanor Tumman Leslie David Mallison Leslie Married on January 4th, 1958 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada David Leslie lives in Bellingham, WA

Yvonne was born on May 13th, 1936 in Sompting England to Bernard and Winnie (Winifred) Tumman. She often recounted how her father was worked for the government of the village, and her mother was a nurse. During her childhood, Yvonne developed a fondness for animals of all sizes from the chickens that she cared for to the horses that she rode.

Favorite memories of Yvonne:

David remembers how Yvonne loved to grow vegetables and tend to a lush garden. She was an expert landscaper that always made sure that the Sandy Circle house was ready for guests.

She also enjoyed making many desserts. One of her favorites, and David's too, was chocolate-infused cheesecake.

Sarah Yvonne Leslie, her granddaughter, remembers always feeling loved and cherished by Yvonne in every way. Yvonne always took the time to listen and encourage Sarah in all her activities, ideas, and stories. Sarah particularly remembers snuggling up with her grandma on the couch on many Sunday

afternoons at her grandparents' house, and crawling in to sit with Yvonne in bed on Christmas morning.

Deanna, daughter-in-law of Yvonne, appreciated Yvonne's thoughtfulness and care for her children. One time, during a summer family trip to Seattle, Yvonne noticed the slight tilt of Sarah's head in looking back at the American Girl Doll store. Even though Sarah hadn't mentioned anything about being interested in American Girl Dolls, Yvonne noticed that the store had caught Sarah's eye. That very next Christmas, Yvonne bought Sarah her first American Girl Doll, surprising Sarah. Deanna has treasured this memory in her heart.

Yvonne's favorite activities:

Some of Yvonne's favorite activities were horseback-riding, hiking, and bicycling. Yvonne enjoyed travelling and hosting. She loved cats and would care for neighbor's cats when they were gone. You might also find Yvonne throwing water at David.

Schooling, occupation, and young adult life:

Yvonne attended Horsham 11 Plus High School for Girls, an hour and a half bus ride from her village in Sussex, England. After her a long school day, Yvonne would get on a bus to Worthing in order to take secretarial and shorthand classes.

During the summers, Yvonne worked at a company called Marley Tile in her hometown of Storrington. At the age of about 18 years old, Yvonne went to London to work at an engineering company that was rebuilding London in the aftermath of World War II. After completing three months in the secretarial pool, she was promoted to secretary for the chief engineer. After the work day, Yvonne went to the London College of Commerce to complete her English

and Secretarial Teaching degrees.

Yvonne and her friend Tessa made plans to travel together and work. Tessa wanted to go to Canada, but Yvonne wanted to go to Australia. So, they flipped a coin- and Yvonne lost. This sent the pair on an adventure to Quebec, Canada.

Yvonne and Tessa were both hired by a Canadian-British Aluminum company to write up the construction details for a new aluminum smelter. Also, while she was living in Montreal, Yvonne took courses to learn how to give counsel to cancer patients and those nearing the end of their lives.

Adjectives that describe Yvonne:

Yvonne is known by her loved ones for being caring and thoughtful. She was a hard worker and a great host. She was always present for her children. She was active in her community, often volunteering at the grammar school, where her children went, and the YMCA. Yvonne was also an active member of the Cliffside Community Association, through which she pioneered a project to make sure that everyone was paying their share for the streetlights.

What will you remember most about Yvonne?:

David will always remember the many occasions when Yvonne travelled from Bellingham to Montreal to care for his mother. Yvonne also travelled to Hanover,

New Hampshire, to care for David's uncle and aunt. David will also cherish the many times that Yvonne and him went on cruises.

Yvonne never failed to tell Sarah how much she loved her, and these are words that Sarah will never forget – as Yvonne told her to promise.

Survivors:

David Leslie (Spouse); Children, Laurence & Christie Leslie, Jamie & Sue Leslie, Charles & Deanna Leslie; Grandchildren, Anton Jesus Leslie (deceased), Candice & Burton Leslie, Anna Leslie & Eric Favilla, Elizabeth & Garrett Langhauser, Spencer Leslie & Isabella Gomez, Alexander & Mackenzie Leslie, Kaya Leslie, Sarah Leslie, David Charles; Great-grandchildren, Emerson, Ensley, Emalyn, Elliot, Easton, Everly Anna, Tui, Ohlen, Thayer, Gwynevere, Rhyderick, Nathaniel; Other relatives, Fran Tumman (Sister-in-law), Sandra Tumman (Niece), Loraine Tumman (Niece), Debra Tumman (Niece).

Pre-deceased by his parents, Bernard Laurence Tumman died: March 7th, 1964, and Winnie (Winifred) Annie Butcher Tumman died: December 31st, 1973; Siblings, Henley (Brother), Eric (Brother), Ron (Brother)

Cemetery Details

Greenacres Memorial Park

5700 Northwest Drive
Ferndale, WA 98248
(360) 384-3401

Tribute Wall



“ Yvonne & Dave were friends from a while back when our boys played hockey. Dave coached while Yvonne was a great support. We have many memories of those days. Our sympathies to Dave & Family. She was a beautiful person in & out. We wish you peace and serenity.

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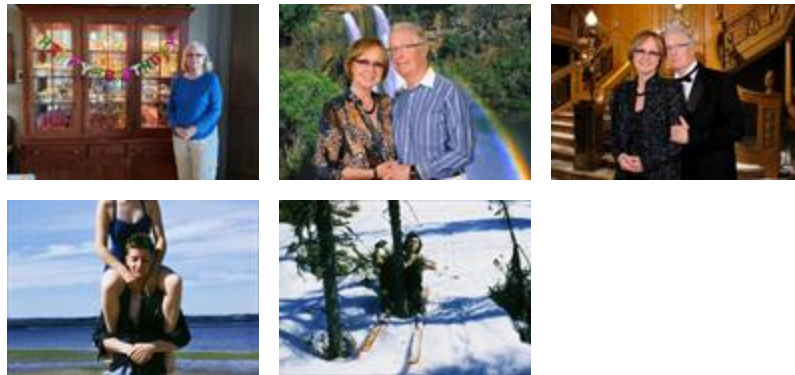
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