Barbara Ann Nelson Wight

Barbara was a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, and a great friend. The love of her life was Van. This year would have been their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 7th! A former chorus friend of ours, Nora, wrote to me the other day to say, "Barbara will be in love with Van all over again; can't you just imagine that joyous reunion? Such a great couple!" I know that we all can! The greatest joy of Barbara's life was family. She adored her brothers and their

families. She delighted in the lives of her three daughters, Debbie, Dale, and Darlene who in turn gave her wonderful loving support always. She loved her eight grandchildren and her six great grandchildren. Having any one or all of them visit brought pleasure to her life.

Barbara loved her home in Ottawa and was very fearful that she would not get to go to her Lake house this year for the first time in her life because of the closed Quebec border due to the Covid-19 crisis. Her wish came true when she could go up to Lake Louisa in May.

This lovely woman never stopped enjoying life. Singing, swimming and working out regularly were activities that she maintained every week. She was always full of life and full of fun! Always happy to experience any opportunity to go out, to travel, have a glass of wine, play a card game, dine at lunch or dinner and socialize with friends or her beloved family. She was the best friend anyone could have; always full of so much joy so that if you were in a down mood; you were automatically raised up by her wonderful, positive attitude! When I was

preparing the bulletin for today, I found a piece in Ecclesiastes Chapter 4: verses 9-12 entitled the Value of a Friend and I will read it to you now.

broken." So today we are tasked with sharing the joy and love that Barbara gave to all of us. We shared so many memories, laughed many laughs, sang many songs and we were reminiscing just the other day about fun trips and crazy happenings along the way. I miss you already my dear friend!