



REMEMBERING

Vivian Janet McLaughlin

October 27, 1922 - August 11, 2018



Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Barb McFadyen-Smuin

Relation: Friend, congregational member

During Vivian's memorial service, I enjoyed singing her carefully chosen pieces of music and hearing your family stories.

I left the service wishing that someone from Oasis (me?) had shared a few stories about how important Vivian was to our church family.

Up for an adventure, in 2008 Vivian embraced the direction of our new congregation and became an important elder at Oasis.

She gave of her time by visiting people connected to Oasis—shut ins and those in the hospital. She helped document our congregational history by creating beautiful scrapbooks. She attended many of our potluck meals and shared yummy salads and treats.

We saw her playful spirit when she dressed up for the hat party and the English film nights. Seeing her belly dance at her 90th birthday party was a highlight for all of us.

She showed her commitment to exploring her faith by attending study groups and centering prayer. I had the great pleasure of being in a book study with her. She contributed her ideas and experiences, and she encouraged others to share theirs too.

One of my last encounters with Vivian was about her commitment to stewardship. Because she was a generous supporter of our congregation, I invited her to speak for a few minutes at a worship service about her generous spirit. Unfortunately, in the days leading up to that service, her health prevented her from participating. The moment passed, and soon she was in care and not attending our weekly services. Even though we didn't hear her words that day, her generosity spoke for itself—through her years with us and with the legacy gift she left us after her death.

Our dear Vivian! She blessed us with her love and laughter. Such a gift to us! She is missed!

