



Bjørg Marianne Dunlop

March 12, 1939 - March 7, 2017

Bjørg Marianne (Ore) Dunlop, of Earlton, New York, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2017 after a brief battle with brain cancer at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend a Memorial Service honoring her life on Saturday March 18, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at The W.C. Brady's Sons Inc. Funeral Home, 97 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, New York.

Bjørg began her life in the outskirts of Oslo, Norway on March 12, 1939, daughter of Tønnes and Eva Ore, growing up with her brothers Ivar and Tønnes, all who have passed on. Surviving World War II and growing up during the aftermath of the second world war taught Bjørg many life lessons, especially resilience, a respect for truth and honesty, and a desire to live each day to its fullest.

In 1960 Bjørg immigrated to the United States and settled in Bay Ridge, New York, working as an AuPair. It was there she met her beloved husband, David Edward Dunlop. They married December 15, 1962 and had many wonderful years together.

Bjørg was a wonderful mother who had a great passion for life, and a deep appreciation for wildlife, nature, and the environment. She was a true outdoorswoman until the day she passed. She travelled extensively, always finding time to hike and explore many locations in Europe, the United States, and South America.

Bjørg was also very involved with Ski for Light which is an all-volunteer, non-profit, organization founded in 1975. Within the Sons of Norway and Ski for Light communities, she was a strong advocate for both organizations, never ceasing to talk about her adventures and efforts to recruit new guides and participants to the programs. Her no-nonsense attitude while out doing an activity, whether it be skiing a 10K or hiking the mountain trails in the US or abroad, meant that you needed to keep up or be left in the dust! With determination and commitment Bjørg promoted the Ski for Light program by teaching blind, visually- and mobility-impaired adults how to cross-country ski, in an atmosphere that encourages participants to recognize that they can usually accomplish much more, both on the snow and back home in everyday life, than they ever thought was possible. This was truly one of Bjørg's passions in life.

Sustaining her cultural roots, Bjørg and her husband David were strong supporters of the Sons of Norway, as active members of Fram Lodge, and they participated in many Zone 4

and international events. Sons of Norway has been reinforcing the relationship between Norway and the United States for decades. The goal of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate their relationship with other Nordic countries.

Björg lived her life fully, with an enthusiasm for travelling, staying active, eating healthy, and enjoying life. She was always willing to try new adventures, and was fascinated with all cultures, food, and wine. Björg will be dearly missed by all.

She is survived by her daughters, Sonja Pratten (Joseph), Kari Dunlop (Wayne Johnson), her son Erik Dunlop (Jeanne), her grandchildren Jessica, Brittany, Emily, Tyler, Justin, Charlie, Siena, Ashleigh, and her great-grandsons Chase and Weston, all of whom brought her great joy in life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her memory to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Ski For Light (NEPA Regional SFL/SFH), % Joan Chelsen 37 Leo St, Staten Island NY 10314 or to Ski For Light International at 1455 West Lake St, Minneapolis MN 55408. Condolences may be made at www.wcbradyssonsinc.net.

Events

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Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bjorg Marianne Dunlop.



March 18, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bjorg Marianne Dunlop.



March 16, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Barbara and I met Bjorg just one time at a friend's house for dinner on Aquidneck Island in Middletown. That was enough to make a connection with her warmth and vibrance that we will stay with us. May her strong spirit inspire us and sustain the family over the void that is her passing. Rob Vitello & Barbara Winkler

Robert Vitello - March 14, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Bjorg Marianne Dunlop.



March 13, 2017 at 10:05 AM



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Sue Raleigh - March 10, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ Bjorg had such a beautiful spirit! She was genuine, sweet, funny and kind. I am so grateful for her enabling me to learn cross country skiing and snow shoeing. I love her orange cake, although I can't quite make it right most of the time. I will miss our games at the cabin, and our ongoing bouts on words with friends.

Sue Raleigh - March 10, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ Kari, Sonja, Eric and families, we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have so many wonderful memories from my childhood that include your mother and the time spent in your home!! Wishing you peace at this time.

Love,
Sarah (Mullen), Michael, and Donovan McCarron

sarah mccarron - March 10, 2017 at 12:07 PM