

# DORIS GILBERTE BOURGEOIS

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Doris touched our lives almost two years ago and I want to share with you, the person she was.

Doris loved to work and visit with her co-workers and friends. She looked forward to every single coffee break with much anticipation, as Doris had Prader Willi Syndrome.

Upon arriving at our house from work, Doris would settle in with her routine. She would get ready for her bath. You see, Doris was fanatical about being clean. She had a ritual before each bath. Everything she needed would be laid out in a straight line before she would get into that hot tub of water and she certainly wouldn't think of coming to the dining room table before cleaning up.

After supper, we would get an offer to help with dishes, although we could tell she would rather settle into her favorite chair for a short nap.

There were times when Katie and Ashley would sing for the family, watching them was especially enjoyable for Doris. There were many times that she would spend chatting with the girls, as girls often do!

When the hockey games were on, my husband and son would spend many a night watching the games. Doris enjoyed being apart of this, sometimes watching the game but often just sleeping in her chair.

Another favorite past time of Doris's was going to the movies to enjoy the popcorn. She was such fun to be with.

Then there were her values. Her family meant a lot to her. She loved the weekends that she spent with her mom and visiting other family members. She was very proud to be an Aunt and Great Aunt to 16 nieces and nephews and 2 great nieces.

*Doris was raised in Guy, Alberta. She was the youngest of 6, 2 sisters and 4 brothers.*

*Recently, Doris lived with the Dempsey Family, Mary Ann, Blaine, Blaine jr., Ashley and Katie.*

Doris was the most considerate, kind, caring person that our family had ever known. She would always make sure that others were looked after. She would check first that my son or daughter were OK with anything we planned on doing. If we had guests over for supper she always wanted to make sure everyone was well fed.

Thrifty, this describes Doris too. She never wanted to waste money on herself, but would give all that she had to help others out.

I am sure that one of Doris's favorite times of year was Christmas. Her presents for this year were already bought and wrapped, with each card signed. Doris always went home for Christmas and this year her family will open their last gift from her. The everlasting gift remains, whispered her nephew at the funeral, as Doris will always be "the Angel on our tree."



**Doris & Tricia clowning around on Halloween**

*"Doris, you have left us. We will miss your unique ways. Your caring, faith and courage We'll remember you all our days."*

