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Mavis Lane, 64, passed away suddenly on April 24, 2010. Mavis was born in Souldon, England, on August 15, 1945, to Adelaide (nee Taylor) and John Knapton. She leaves behind a devoted husband of 29 years, James Lane of Tampa, Florida; loving daughters, Jackie Whitbread and son-in-law, Mark, and Julia Reid and her four children: granddaughter, Charlotte Reid, and grandsons Darren Jones, Dale Jones and Danny Jones, also one great grandson-Dylan Ashworth. Mavis' daughters and families all reside in Swindon, Wiltshire, England.

Mavis is also survived by sister-in-laws, Eva Cooper and her husband, Don, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, and Marjorie Perkins and her husband, Craig, of Munith, Michigan. In addition, surviving is her God-daughter, Sandra McDermott of Bicester, England, whom she very close to.

Mavis and James were married on her birthday, August 15, 1981, in Bicester Garth Park in Bicester, Oxfordshire, England.

Jim was stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Upper Heyford Air Force base in Oxford, England not far from where Mavis and the girls lived. They had a lengthy "hidden" courtship. When they first started to date, Mavis felt the need to protect her two daughters from a courtship that could turn out to be short by meeting Jim at a "secret rendezvous". This went on for several months until Jim decided to follow Mavis home on foot to find out where she lived. Much to Mavis' surprise, the next evening, who was walking up the garden path but "her" Jim, cradling a bunch of flowers and wearing a big cowboy hat. She was having a fit, saying "how did he find me, how did he find me? Oh, he must have followed me!" From then on Jim would bring her one rose every day saying "One Rose, one Love" to woo her a little. Mavis loved being "woo'd by "her" Jim.

The Engagement

D & HD



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One day Jim picked up Mavis at work for lunch. He took her by the BX (Base Exchange) on base. Because Mavis was a civilian, they were escorted to the jewelry counter where Jim asked her to pick out an engagement ring. She looked at the least expensive rings. Unbeknown to her he already picked out a ring. He asked the clerk to show Mavis his pick of rings and try it on. It fit perfectly. She was shocked at its size and stated that it was too expensive. Jim could not be swayed and it was purchased.

While on base on their way back to work, they stopped at a street vendor's stand for hot dogs. This turned out to be one of Mavis's favorite meals, hence - D & DH - as she called it, "Diamonds and Hot Dogs".

Mavis's greatest passions were her family and her many books, including her daily ritual of crosswords. She had a flair for home decorating and design. When her daughters were young, Mavis enjoyed sewing dance recital costumes and dresses for them which fit perfectly.

When her family was young, they lived and traveled in many parts of the world. No matter what country she lived in her philosophy was "When in Rome, do as the Romans do!" Mavis indulged in the various countries' cultures and delighted trying the local cuisine.

Mavis was a very determined person in subjects she felt strongly about.

Once Mavis' mind was made up that was it. Subject closed!

Mavis was a very proud and yet a private person. She was known to say, "Never air your dirty linen in public."

She loved America but never forgot her roots. She was proud to be British.

Mavis instantly became dear friends with her mother-in-law, Violet, after nervously awaiting their first encounter, they instantly became best friends. They spend many hours visiting and "chucking" with one another, especially over Jim's colorful wardrobe.

Mavis' father passed away when she was 3 1/2, her mother had to hold down several jobs to provide a living for her and her daughter. One of which was in a library, where Mavis found her passion for books. She especially enjoyed history and geography.



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Jackie and Julia remembered her telling them the story of how her father carried her on his shoulders and surprising her with bananas. Bananas were very rare due to the WWII ending and food being rationed in England. Her fond memories of her childhood banana treat stayed with her throughout her life.

Mavis and James worked for a commercial cleaning company in Tampa when they first moved there where they were known for their dedicated work ethics and were requested quite often by judges, lawyers and banks. One time they arrived at a bank to clean and much to their surprise, found the vault open and they were the only people in the building. They had to call security, who called the bank manager, to come and close it.

Mavis was the "queen" of Wally World" where she worked for 12 years in Tampa, Florida. She made many life-long friends there. Mavis enjoyed "shopping till she dropped".

Mavis was always a great friend to everyone and had many friends all over the world. A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2010 at Boza & Roel Funeral Home, 4730 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 4902 Eisenhower Blvd., Tampa, FL 33634 or Diabetes UK Maclead House, 10 Parkway, London, NW17Aa, Phone 08451232399.

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Julia Reid sent a virtual gift in honor of Mavis.

April 8 at 2:55 AM



Julia Reid lit a candle in honor of Mavis.

April 8 at 2:50 AM



Julia Reid April 8 at 2:50 AM
Just miss you so much mum xx



Julia Reid posted:

Another year passed with out you mum, I miss you even more xxx

May 1 at 6:57 AM



Julia Reid posted:

Just wish you hadn't been taken away from us all.....I know you will be with me & Jackie today to help me find the strength. I recalling a day when I saw your face looking shocked as you relised it was me stood on 6ft stilks & only a tiny tot of 11 yrs old. I love n miss you so much, your daughter Julia xxxx

April 24 at 3:08 AM



Julia Reid posted:

Happy Birthday Mum, Missing you so much every day but remembering ALL the fantastic memories you've left behind. xxx

August 15 at 1:34 AM



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JR

Julia Reid posted:

The days are getting closer to your birthday, I should be posting your cards but instead I'm sat at my desk just going through every part of my life you were in.....Memories, & the memories are what keeps me going on with out you.Mis n love you mum Julia your daughter xxxxxxxxx

August 13 at 7:35 AM

JW

Jackie Whitbread posted:

we bought you flowers today,they stand by your picture. I wish i could have placed them in your arms. i know you can see them my beautiful angel mum. 2 years have gone by. i miss you so much and always will....love & kisses. your jacks xxx

April 24 at 12:09 PM

JR

Julia Reid posted:

Hate this time of year when we lost you, miss you so much xxxxxxxx

April 23 at 4:30 AM

JR

Julia Reid posted:

Love & miss you every day xxxx

April 23 at 2:53 AM

SM

Sandra Mcdermott posted:

Thinking of you today Auntie Mavis. I cannot believe that a year has passed since you went to Heaven. Love always sandra xxxx

April 24 at 6:07 AM

JR

Julia Reid posted:

Happy Mothers day mum my Angel in heaven,Saying prays in the hope you are listening.....
XXXXXXXXXXXX

April 3 at 2:04 AM



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Jamie Whitbread posted:

mavis (nan) you have always been like a nan to me, i still cant believe that youve been taken away from us all, everyday i think of you and how lucky i was to have someone as nice and loving as you, i wish i had more time to spend with you, but no matter what your always going to be in my heart, with love jamie xxxx

June 20 at 9:25 AM



Julia posted:

* wks 2day we lost u mum, wish u was here to mend my pops and sister heart. I know u will find a way to do this.....i love u so so much xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

June 19 at 12:29 PM



Mark Whitbread posted:

mavis(mum)you was the best mother in law anyone could ask for. thank you for always being there for us and giving me your daughter, jackie, i will try to be the best husband to her.i miss you very much,i'm so glad i made you smile and will always's remember the fun times we had with you,how could i forget them you were such a sweetheart. god bless you mum,you will always be in my heart. love always. mark xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

May 20 at 8:06 AM



Linda posted:

Dearest Jim,Jackie & JuliaMy heart is breaking knowing the pain oflossing such a wonderful wife and mother.She was an amazing special sweet friendwho will remain in our hearts and minds till we meet again. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during your time of grief. With Love Linda

May 9 at 7:12 PM



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JW

Jackie Whitbread posted:

this poem i wrote for you mum, my beautiful mummy heart has broken,i dont know how it's going to mendyou are my beautiful mum,and truely my best friend. the gap you leave in my life,an ocean couldn't fill,nothing in this world compares to you,and never ever will. i know you are watching over me,now distance is not our foe,we will walk together now,everywhere i go. if i could make one wish,it would be to have you here again,i cant, so now i have to wait,untill we meet again. I LOVE YOU MUM, 1,2,3...YOUR JACKS XXXXX

May 1 at 10:35 AM

DA

Danny posted:

You were the best nan ever. You were always the one telling me i could do anything i wanted too. I loved every time i spoke to you and enjoyed making you smile. love you danny xx

April 30 at 11:52 PM

JR

Julia Reid posted:

If rose's grow in heaven lord please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my mothers arms and tell her there from me. Tell her I love her and miss her and when she turns to smile place a kiss upon a cheek and hold her for a while. remembering her is easy, I do it every day but there's an ache with in my heart that will never go away. ----- I was the luckest Daughter in this world to of had such a careing, loving, wonderfull mother as u mum. I love u xxxx

April 30 at 6:59 PM

WA

Wally posted:

MY DEAR FRIEND'S MAVIS WAS MY BESTFRIEND IN TAMPA.WE MET AT WAL-MART. WE HAD LUNCH AT 3:AM. WE USED TO HAVE FUN.I WOULD MAKE HER LAUGH. AND SHE WOULD MAKE ME LAUGH TO. SHE WAS THE SWEETEST PERSON I MET AT WAL-MART.

April 30 at 12:38 PM



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CR

Charlotte Reid posted:

Im lost for words, not because there is nothing to say, but because there is so much to say. You were an amazing lady- you had so much good in you and even more love to give. You had a big heart and there was room in there for everybody you met. Imagining life without you is unbearable, but thinking about how happy you made me and everybody else around you is a great comfort. Im so grateful to have had a nan like you and i thank god every day for him giving you to us. You have now taken your place amongst the angels where im sure you will continue to be as beautiful, loving and caring as you have always been. Loving you always charlotte Ashy and Dylan xx

April 30 at 8:49 AM

CF

Carol & Roger Flanagan posted:

Jim, I am so sorry. She was a lovely person. I always looked forward to seeing her when you came to Michigan. I loved her accent and her. Words cannot express how sorry I am. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Remember all the good times and how much she loved you. Cherish those memories forever. Love, your little cousin, Carol

April 30 at 5:46 AM

TM

Tony Mascia posted:

Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very trying time. We know Mavis was the love of your life and how much you will miss her. Be assured that we are here to help you through this in anyway we can. Tony Mascia and all your co-workers.

April 30 at 2:20 AM

HC

Hellen Churcher posted:

In memory of Mavis, A lady I never had the chance to meet. But reading everyone's lovely messages and memories maybe I have..through my best friend, your daughter Jackie who is as special to me as you sound. Sorry we never got that chance to meet. Jim my thoughts and love are with you and your family at this sad time. May god bless you all. x x x x

April 30 at 1:28 AM



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DJ

Dale Jones posted:

to my nan i never knew wot i wanted to know never talked abwt wot i wanted to talk about i wanted to no you more than i did but now i dnt have the chance 1 day we will all be back as 1 big family and till that day comes can u please watch over me and MY family i will promiss i will look after grandad and ur two girls i love u nan are u are always gunna be in my mind as that special ladylove you nana xxxx

April 29 at 11:41 PM

VC

Voirrey Cadle posted:

In memory of Mavis, a lady that touched everyones hearts she met. So warm and loving to all her friends and will be sadly missed. I wish the world was full of people like Mavis, it would be a much kinder place. Your memory will be etched in our hearts forever. I am so glad I was so fortunate to have met you. Good night and God bless. All out loving thoughts Voirrey and family. xxx

April 29 at 11:30 PM

RP

Rosie Rodriguez Del Pino posted:

Jackie and family accept our sincere condolences. Our heart and prayers goout to you. Rosie Rodriguez and Joshua Masats

April 29 at 10:41 PM

BG

Barry Gibson posted:

Jim,It has been many years since we were kids together and our families spent many weekends together. As we grew to adult hood our paths took seperate turns. Yours was to take you to a wonderful person with whom you have shared a lifetime. I met Mavis once and was imperssed by her immediatly. I want you to know that the Gibson family, my mom and sister and I are all thinking of you at this time of great loss. May you find strength in your family and friends to carry you through this time of sorrow. May God Bless. Your Friend, Barry

April 29 at 7:06 PM



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CL

Christine Ladewig posted:

Jimmy, It has been many, many years since I've seen you. After reading about your wife, Mavis, I'm sorry not to have met such a lovely person. Please know that your Ladewig cousins in California are thinking of you. Chris

April 29 at 4:58 PM

RB

Russell Benson posted:

Aunt Mavis will be missed, greatly. She brought joy and happy times when we first met. She had a deep devotion to family and to those she adored. God only grants us a brief time to live life. She made everyone around her live the life with her as she enjoyed it herself. Thank God for our treasured moments with Aunt Mavis as she has made and touched all our lives.

April 29 at 4:39 PM

RB

Royce Bunce posted:

Jimmy, I was sorry to hear your bad news. I never met Mavis but she sounds like a wonderful person. Royce and Betsy

April 29 at 2:42 PM

GM

George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home, please accept our sincere condolences.

April 29 at 5:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mavis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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