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## **Sylvia's Support Over the Years**

Remember back in the day all the trucks and loggers that would stop for coffee and/or a meal. All those men that would get in trouble for eating at Sylvia's after their wives had prepared a lunch for their days work. Remember how smoky it was in there.... But such a great place where many memories were made...

Sylvia always had a special relationship with the highways crews back to the days of Al Hudon and Don Cline, and to the more current crew of Curtis, Brian, Born, Will, Randy and Travis and his young family, whom she all adored. She also had a special relationship with her gas men or shall we say her fuel delivery trucks especially Perry Callies, and now Dereck with the Coop.

Cathy, the mail lady, Ellen, the Cariboo Observer deliverer and of course the bus drivers Curtis then Teresa. She loved these routined visits and you all had a special place in her heart and you were a very special part of her day...

Then there is Sylvia's 911 gang who were expected to be there asap! Will Quarry of North Wind Refrigeration who Sylvia often phoned in wee hours of the morning... but was also the recipient of a breakfast, lunch or cinnamon buns as a thank you bribe.

Then we have Benny of Quesnel Septic and Corey from All Haul who got these same calls and made Sylvia a priority as they knew they best get out there so they didn't disappoint her. Even though Sylvia was demanding at times, these people respected her thus went above and beyond.

It is worth mentioning some of the companies that motivated and supported Sylvia through the 35 years. We apologize in advance cause we know many have been missed.....

In no particular order..... kinda alphabetical....

Augustine  
Al  
BarMaxwell  
Bravo  
Blackwater  
Can Lava Trucks  
Clauson  
Coe  
CD Lee  
Clan  
Cariboo Woodlands  
Eldorado  
Fire-cat  
Frank Dorsay  
Hitest  
H & M  
Inwood  
Inicki  
Janzen  
Jatco  
Jordan  
Jim Dyke  
Ken Hip-kiss  
Kevin King  
Lobar  
Log It  
Martin Transport  
Mamic  
Matula  
Markus  
Magic  
Morbid  
Menzies  
Nicon  
Olson Contracting  
Pinski  
Premimum  
Armand Paquet

Phillips Contracting  
Quota  
Quadra  
Chris Robinson  
Richters  
Rite Cut  
Roaring River  
Smokey Mountain  
Speciality Logging  
Shane Thorlakson  
Timber Service  
Twin Valley Transport  
Tolko  
Triple B  
Val-J  
West Pro  
Westside  
Webster  
Zapper

**Then we have all the Companies who worked in bush  
preparing the blocks for logging and for reforestation:**

Blackwater Enterprises  
DWB  
Interior Silvi (Jack and Steve Loyd)  
Global Mapping  
Kim Forestry  
LW Contracting  
Live Crown  
LAS  
R. Brink  
Marchand  
SBS  
Timber Trek  
Nazko Silva Culture

## **Reforestation Companies:**

Because of Sylvia's passion for reforestation she especially liked to cater to tree planters as having done it first hand she knew it was a tough thankless job always fighting the weather and bugs and sometimes bears.... So she took pleasure in serving them a hot breakfast, bagged lunch and a homemade dinner at night. She and the staff catered to numerous companies over the years such as:

Abba  
Blue Collar  
Big Sky  
Celtic  
Rhino  
Spectrum  
Sneak  
Summitt  
Torrent  
Zanzibar

## **Then We Have New Horizon Reforestation**

Sylvia employed many people through her reforestation including a lot of family. Sylvia was involved in viewing, tree planting, survival plots, mussel toe, seeding, quality control, slash burning.

She even ventured into a GPS Mapping Machine for Resource Applications for the Ministry of Forests with Sherry and Yvonne.

And she bought a Hitachi 200 with a VH mulcher for Candace to pursue. The first job was for Tolko in Golden then later Candace took it to Jasper, Texas for mounding.

Along with Gloria Flanagan Sherry Derkatch worked in this industry along with many others here are just a few that we could remember...

Diane Friesen  
Dale Dunn (Son)

Danny Friesen  
Lance Johnston  
Jerry Tasker  
Bob Johnston  
Trish Palik  
Layla Allen  
Carol Rawlings  
Sylvia Baptist  
Angie Bergman  
Janet Spooner  
Marble Penner  
Janice and Sam Smoyer

## **Then was have all the nearby Communities:**

In the past the forestry industry gave Sylvia's the business and support she needed to build this her dream and be so successful... at the age of 47 with 18% financing...

But that has changed and while we still get business from the many companies already listed above...

It is now our local communities that allow Sylvia's to still prosper and grow..

Our Local Community here in Baker Creek, we have families that made a hug impact on the success of Sylvia's over the years and today.... And not just from a business perspective but so so many respectful, loving relationships were created.

The first family we would list to mentioned is the entire Dick and Grace McElroy family who worked at the store and helped Sylvia from ground up

whether it was sweeping floors prior to the grand opening, fixing things, cooking, or serving they were always there for Sylvia. Nancy was her town gofer who was usually phoned with very little notice to go to town, and Ruth her first Halloween cook. These two ladies also took mom on various out of town trips to the dentist. And the boys... she enjoyed seeing Kelly and Steve, but especially like her boyfriend Joe who always brought her flowers....

Other key families, again in a kind of alphabetical order, and it is also worth noting that many of these families go back with Sylvia up to 4 generations.

Bares

Barns

Barz

Brantnal

Birch

Brooks

The Cooper Clan

Callies

Dwinell

The Fouty Clan

Graws

Galloway

Lisks

Lavingtons

Luttmers

Haris

The Harrington Clan

Falloons

Hallidays

Haw-ridge

Stromquiste

Schroders

Strachans

The Tibbles Clan

Quaestorums

Renners

Robertsons

The McElroy Clan

The Marsh Clan

Merritts

Maros  
The Mexican & Wilson  
McKee's  
The Paley Clan  
Parkins  
Potts  
Thompsons  
Ways

**Then we have the Nazko Valley and Nazko First Nation Community &  
Kluskus Community**

Alecs  
Baptistes  
Boyds  
Clements  
Chantyman  
Clines  
Douglas's  
Golobs  
Goffics  
Hjorths  
Jacks  
Jimmies  
Kenedys  
Kishcans  
Laurents  
Listers  
Simpsons  
Pauls  
Patricks  
Perrys  
Renners  
Roys  
Sharps  
Samuels  
Wawryks  
Watsons  
Webbers

### **Bouchie Lake & Town Folk**

Bryces

Coldwells

Folks at Dunrovin

The Lawlor Clan

Hadley

Shoemakers

The Cameron Clan

The Lefvre Clan

Sargents

Fookes

Myers

The Melynk Clan

The Murray Clan

Wiles

Zadnoroznys

And the the folks that Sylvia worked with at the plywood plant who would come out to visit her frequently.

These are extensive lists over the last 35 years and again we apologize for those we missed... Our memories are not as good as they once were lol! From all these people who lives she touched she clearly was not a lonely board lady... quite the opposite her social circle she created at Sylvia's was enormous.