

MILDRED WEST 1913 – 2007



Mildred Roxy West passed away in Taber on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the age of 93 years.

Mildred is survived by her son Wayne (Irene) Speer of Taber; her grandchildren Alan (Holly) Speer of Calgary, Christine (Alan) Van Bavel of Crossfield, Gordon (Jill) Speer of Taber and by her great grandchildren Victoria "Tori" Van Bavel, Nicholas Van Bavel, Reagan Speer and MacKenzie Speer. She is also survived by two sisters Effie (Charles "Chick") Burge of Lethbridge and Ella McKellar of Brooks; sisters-in-law LaVore Waddle of Claresholm, Edna West of Taber, Donna (Lloyd) Erickson of Barnwell and Janice (Allan "Pete") Shaw of Taber; brothers-in-law Larry (Audrey) West of Lethbridge, Russell (Hazel) West of Taber, Allen (Jacqueline) West of Taber and by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Lloyd R. West; parents Ed & Nellie Waddle; three sisters Fern (Ted) Malmberg, Myrtle (Lloyd) Johnson and Dorothy (LeRoy) Harden; three brothers Glenn (Marie) Waddle, Herbert "Bud" Waddle and Orville Waddle; sisters-in-law Melba (John) Pickett and Lavon (George) Pickett and brothers-in-law Clifford West, Deral (June) West and Alex McKellar.

Mildred was born in Towner, North Dakota on December 24, 1913 to Ed & Nellie Waddle, the fifth of nine children. In the spring of 1914, her family immigrated to Canada where they settled in the Retlaw area. She attended school at Lonestar and Retlaw, graduating grade twelve in 1930 and later graduating from the Garubt Business School in Lethbridge where she took typing and bookkeeping. She was also an excellent seamstress.

Mildred married William "Bill" Speer on October 28, 1939 in Calgary and they were divorced in 1972. She later married Lloyd R. West on December 19, 1974.

Mildred was a long time member of the Knox United Church in Taber and attended the United Church Women's Progressive Unit. Mildred was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

She was employed as a cook on many construction crews, as a seamstress at the old Taber Hospital, desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, store clerk at the Robinson store in Taber and for six years as a dispatcher with the Taber Fire Hall before she retired.

Mildred was a very devoted daughter, caring for her parents for many years. This devotion was extended to all of the members of her family. She had a keen interest in the weather and kept a daily journal. She was always interested in any activities in which her grandchildren participated. She loved to travel and enjoyed walking. Her travels to eastern Canada, Hawaii, Las Vegas and the west coast with her husband Lloyd were some of her most memorable occasions.

Relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family at the Southland Funeral Chapel, 5006 - 48 Avenue, Taber on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 between 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

The Funeral Service will be held at the Knox United Church, 4929 - 50 Avenue, Taber on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 10:30 A.M. with Reverend Dr. Austin Fennell officiating. Interment to follow at the Taber Memorial Garden.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes in Mildred's name may be made directly to the Taber Hospital Foundation, Continuing Care, 4326 - 50 Avenue, Taber, Alberta T1G 1N9.

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