



**ABREY,
Audrey Thelma Rae
(French)**

Audrey Thelma Rae Abrey (French), aged 96 years, passed away peacefully at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial, Sask. on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

Rae was born on September 19, 1921 in Strasbourg, Sask. to Rueben and Mable French. The family moved

to Pleasantdale in 1921 where she was raised with her five siblings until the age of 20 when she moved to Simpson. Rae started work at the Grant Hotel where she met the love of her life George Abrey. George and Rae were married on June 24, 1942 and had five beautiful children: Gail, Barbara, Lorne, Jerry and Brenda. Rae and George farmed together for many years, sharing their love for the outdoors. Many different camping and fishing trips were had and along with those trips came a lot of laughs and endless stories. Many of Rae's hours were spent crocheting and knitting, making countless afghans, doyleys, quilts, etc. that all of her grandchildren still use and cherish to this day. Rae was born with a green thumb and could grow the most beautiful flowers and garden with little to no effort. Rae loved spending her time with friends and loved ones and will be deeply missed by all.

Rae is survived by her children Gail Burkitt (Gilbert), Barb Potts (Brian), Brenda Janzen (Dave McIntosh), daughter-in-law Gail Abrey, grandchildren Deanie McKay (Dale), Duane Burkitt (Cathy), Doug Burkitt (Cora), Rodney Burkitt (Rhonda), Sharon Gust (Daryl Vanthuyne), Jim Burkitt (Shannon), David Burkitt (Myra Back), Donna Bartel (Dean), Fran Potts, Darren Potts (Lehanna), Kelly Abrey (Rachel), Kim Walters (Neil), Kenneth Abrey (Jodi), Karaley Abrey, Lana Abrey (Randy Berg), Jay Abrey (Carrie Rossmann), Kevin Janzen, Jody Janzen (Jay), 39 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents Rueben and Mable French, her five siblings, husband George Abrey, sons Lorne and Jerry Abrey, sons-in-law Don Janzen and Don Burkitt and daughter-in-law Geraldine Abrey.

Memorial service was held at Simpson Community Centre on August 24 conducted by Rev. Ray Purdie.

Honorary pallbearers were all her grandchildren. Deanie McKay was urnbearer. Register attendants were Lawrence Roney and Jim Zitaruk. Jay Abrey and Kenneth Abrey were ushers. Eulogy and tributes were given by Donna Bartel, Karaley Abrey and Cassidy McKay. Alexa Burkitt was the soloist. Organist was Lil Gingrich.

Interment followed at Simpson Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Simpson Cemetery Fund or Long Lake Valley Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated.

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