



BUSHMAN,

Agnes

Mar. 25, 1927 - Dec. 13, 2016

Agnes Bushman (Schroeder), aged 89 years, passed away at the Watrous District Health Complex on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. She died peacefully with her children at her side.

Agnes was born to Edmund and Lydia Schroeder (Guhr) on March 25, 1927 in a small village in Warsaw, Poland. She was three years old when her parents and one year old brother, Eugene, left Warsaw by train on April 18, 1930. They travelled through Weiherawa, Poland, Danzig, Germany and then to England. Leaving England by ship, they docked in Quebec. Boarding a train there, they arrived in Drake, Sask. on May 13, 1930. In Canada, Agnes grew up on the family farm enjoying working together with her brothers and sisters, Eugene, Edmund, Frieda, David and Lois. Often her mother would help her dad, Edmund with seeding, harvest and care of the cattle, while Agnes

would stay in the house to look after her younger siblings. She attended Wilmot Country School, southwest of Drake and completed a grade 8 education. According to one of her journals, her brother Eugene was a great comfort to her at school. One of her favourite teachers was Lenora Jantz. Agnes attended Sunday school and church. Recognizing Jesus as the Son of God and the one who provided atonement for sin, she asked Jesus to be her Lord and Saviour and to guide her life. She was baptized in Manitou Lake on August 20, 1944, joining Philadelphia MB Church. She was able to attend Dalmeny Bible School, where she made many new friends and grew in her faith. On New Year's Day, 1947 at a crokinole party, she got to play partners with a Mr. Peter Bushman. Listening to his witty jokes and looking into his big blue eyes, she was smitten and realized that he was the man of her dreams. They were married July 9, 1948 and enjoyed 51 years together. Agnes and Peter were blessed with 10 children: Leslie, Elsie, Marie, Leonard, Donald, Eldon, Ken, Edith, Rick and Rob. Agnes' mission field was her family and community. She loved her children greatly and unselfishly cared for them and their children and their children's children as long as she was able. Agnes enjoyed playing and watching sports, cheering on her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting and quilting at "Willing Workers". She cut countless squares of materials for patchwork quilts for sale in the MCC store. She enjoyed having company into her home, playing games and showing hospitality. She was a cheerful, encouraging, caring friend. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Agnes is survived by her brothers and sisters: Eugene Schroeder, Ed and Mary Schroeder, Frieda Leopkey, Walter and Beth Willems and Ron and Lois Ens. Left to cherish her memory are her children Les and Tina, Fred and Elsie Toman, Doug and Marie Fick, Len and Betty-Ann, Eldon and Maggie, Ken and Marilyn, Dale and Edith Driediger, Rick and Lynette, Rob and Kim. Agnes family members number 115 including 47 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Peter in 1999, son Donald in 2016, daughter-in-law Elsie Bushman (Warkentin) in 1987, parents Edmund and Lydia, brother-in-law David, brother-in-law Frank Leopkey and sister-in-law Ann Schroeder.

The family wishes to express thanks to everyone who had a part in Agnes' life in any way. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at the Watrous District Health Complex, who gave her such compassionate and loving care. She also appreciated the friendships offered by the residents at the lodge.

A visitation for family and friends took place at Fotheringham's Funeral Chapel on December 16.

Funeral service was held at Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church on December 17 conducted by Pastor Darren Holland.

Pallbearers were Les Bushman, Ken Bushman, Len Bushman, Rick Bushman, Eldon Bushman and Rob Bushman. Cheri Andres, Crystal Driediger, Sandra Dick and Stephanie Driediger were guest attendants. Ushers were Rod Dick, Keith Siemens, Wayne Dick and Lester Toews. Eldon Bushman read the obituary. Tributes were given by Elsie Toman and by grandchildren Denise (Bushman) Harder, Daniel Bushman, Tanya (Bushman) Jansen, Lana (Bushman) Danyliw and Sherilyn Fick. Bradon Bushman read the scripture. Song leader was Connie Boehr with Karen Klassen as the pianist.

Private family interment held at Philadelphia Church Cemetery preceded the service.

Memorial donations directed to Dallas Valley Ranch Bible Camp or The Gideons would be appreciated.

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