



**BUSSE,
Thelma**

It is with sadness that the family of Thelma Jean Busse (Archer) announces her passing on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility, Imperial, Sask.

Thelma was born near Kedleston, Sask. August 10, 1927 to John and Wilhelmina Archer (nee Davidson). Thelma was the third of 12 children. As a young child, Thelma was often looked after by her Aunt Lawson (nee Davidson) and Uncle Dan Rose and their daughter Helen. At the age of six Thelma went to live with them. Helen was an extra sister for Thelma and the two of them remained very close. Thelma graduated from Liberty School. She went to Normal School in Moose Jaw and received her teaching certificate. Her first teaching job was in Alameda, Sask. Her second teaching job was in Amazon, Sask. where she met her husband William Allan Busse, or Al as he was known. They were married Oct. 15, 1949 at Liberty, Sask. They raised their family of three children on the home farm raising grain and livestock. They moved to Simpson in 1972 and Watrous in 2006. Allan passed away Sept. 15, 2007. Thelma then moved to the long-term care facility in Imperial, Sask. in 2007.

Thelma will be remembered for her love of camping, her close friends and coffee parties, card games, the beautiful handiwork she created and her dry sense of humour. She was always ready for a good laugh. She enjoyed sharing this humour with the customers during her nine years working at the Simpson Co-op.

Thelma and Al spent many happy hours playing cards and travelling with friends. They explored across Canada and the USA (often in their camper van) venturing off to New Zealand, Jamaica, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Scotland, England and Ireland. They belonged to the Flying Farmers, and although Thelma didn't love the flying, she enjoyed the people she met and spending time with Al. She was an active member of the United Church and a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Thelma's great love was her 10 grandkids. She was a very active grandma, always happy to see one of the kids show up on her doorstep. Grandma always had a snack, a place to hang out until after school activities started, and time to play a game of cards or crib.

Thelma was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Hazel, Grace, Florence, Beth, Mary, brothers Fred and Dick, her brother-in-law George and his wife Toots, her sister-in-law Ernestine, and granddaughter Brett Busse.

Those left to remember her are sons: Glen (Sherrie), Craig (Patti), and daughter Eleanor (Brian Klassen); her grandchildren: Heath Busse (Josh Rimer), Charlotte Busse, Shannon (Brendan) Busse-Fricker, Lexi Busse and Sawyer Busse, Michael Busse (Samantha Cleghorn), Rae Busse, Carmen (Kevin) Douglas, and Kendel Busse, as well as six great-grandchildren, William, Angela and Elliott Fricker, Chase, Max and Isabel Douglas, sisters Elsie, Norma, Welda, Helen Marie, and chosen sister Helen Woolsey and large extended family.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Interment in Simpson Cemetery.

Please direct donations in Thelma's name to Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility - Activity Department, 125 Prince St., Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0.