



**FRIESEN,
Evelyn Alice
May 28, 1926 -
Nov. 3, 2019**

Evelyn Friesen, aged 93 years, passed away at Lanigan Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019.

Evelyn Alice (Bartel) Friesen was the only child of David P. and Susanna (Boese) Bartel. She was born May 28, 1926 on the farm near Drake, Sask. Evelyn attended the

Wilmot Country School until age 15, and then she stayed home and helped on the family farm. In June 1943 she was baptized at the North Star Country Church. On October 14, 1943 she married Jacob (Jake) P. Friesen. Jake and Evelyn lived together with her parents on the farm until 1947, when Dave and Susie moved to town. The farm had cows, chickens, and pigs and a large garden to provide food. Evelyn did a lot of canning and they raised most of their own food. More land, and a dairy, was added to the operation over the years. Together they raised two children. Ken joined them on August 28, 1950 and Herb on July 26, 1953. Evelyn loved working outside and also enjoyed baking and cooking. Many evenings were spent around the crokinole board, playing homemade games, and doing puzzles. Later, when the rink was built, the time was spent watching the boys play hockey. She lived on the farm for 57 years. In 1983, Jake and Evelyn moved to Drake, but kept going out to the farm to help out wherever needed. Several trips were made to Hawaii, Mexico, Bahamas and Fairmont. Also, a few fishing trips with the children were enjoyed. One of the things that Evelyn enjoyed doing was embroidering tea towels for all the grandchildren. Flower arranging, making dishcloths, and fancy scarves were a few of the other things that Evelyn did. Making towels for the rink and community centre were some of the ways that she gave back to the community. She also cut jeans and other materials into squares for the MCC Gift and Thrift Store in Lanigan. The Cheerful Mission Circle was part of her life for many years, until mobility issues became a concern. Keeping a diary for the past 30 years has kept the children and grandchildren on track as to what happened and when. On November 8, 2017, Evelyn fell and broke her hip. After that she took up residence on Memory Lane at the Lanigan Hospital. She quickly made this her home and enjoyed her time there. Evelyn passed away November 3, 2019 at 4:35 a.m., the normal time she would be getting up to start her day.

Left to mourn her are Ken (Betty) Friesen; Ryan (Nancy), Faith, Corban, Seth, Bethany, and Hannah Friesen; Kristy (Lucas) Thiessen, Vicky (Kyle) Toporchak; Herb (Donna) Friesen; Tami-Lynn (Steven), Tristan, Talia, and Taylor Lehr; Tonja Friesen, Terrell Friesen, Tobia Friesen, and Teresa Friesen.

Evelyn was predeceased by her parents, David and Susanna Bartel, husband Jake Friesen and grandson Trent Friesen.

Funeral service was held at North Star Mennonite Church, Drake, Sask. on Nov. 8 conducted by Pastor Dan Graber.

Honorary pallbearers were Ryan, Kristy, Vicky, Tami-Lynn, Tonja, Terrell, Tobia and Teresa. Amy

Wildeman and Dan Laskowski were ushers. Memorial table attendants were Eleonora Schmidt and Lynda Wolfe. Ken and Herb gave the eulogy. Ryan and Tami-Lynn gave the tribute. Scripture verses were read by Kristy and Teresa. Terrell read Psalm 23. Special music was by the grandchildren with sound by Ivan Bartel. Song leader was Leona Ewert and pianist was Esther Laskowski.

Interment took place in the morning at the North Star Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Saskatoon Health Region for the Lanigan Hospital would be appreciated.

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