



**FARAGO,  
(GALVIN)  
Julianna (Julia)**

In May 2021, Julia Farago Galvin, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and longtime Watrous, Sask. resident, passed away at the Manitou Lodge - Watrous District Health Complex at the age of 104.

Julia was born in 1917, in Atwater township near Esterhazy, Sask. to Magdalen (Riczu) and Michael Balogh, who farmed in the Whitewood, Sask. area. She was the youngest of 10 children. Their home was a musical one. Her father taught the children to play the violin which Julia was able to play until last year. She married Joseph Farago in 1934, and moved to their farm near Plunkett. She was a typical farming wife of the time performing many farm chores. They had two young children when she was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Following 12 major surgeries and related treatments, the doctors released her to go home to make her final arrangements. She returned home, but outlived all of her doctors. She was an excellent cook, baker, seamstress, and quilter. Julia was also a great pool and card player and showed no mercy whether playing with family or friends. She had a great sense of humour, and performed skits for family and at church functions. She would dress up in costumes with her daughter or nieces as sailors, witches and Big Bird; singing and dancing, or trick-or-treating. Julia also loved to go dancing at Danceland, as well as playing bingo and wearing decorative hats. In 1968, Joe semi-retired from farming and they moved into a new house in Watrous. She worked part-time at Robinson's fabric department and Necchi Sewing Center in Watrous for several years. She was a member of the St. Anne's church choir and attended church services regularly until the late '90s when she was physically unable to attend. She also participated in many church baking and quilting events. She volunteered for Watrous Days and Plunkett Days and during the '90s, she played the violin on stage at the Folkfest in Watrous. Following Joe's death, Julia married John Edmund (Ted) Galvin. Julia

and Ted attended church, played cards, and danced at Danceland. After Ted's passing, Julia moved into the Manitou Lodge independent living facility and she continued to play her violin. While enduring some difficult times, Julia wanted to pass on to her family passages from a poem she'd read and jotted down decades earlier:

**Safely Home (by unknown)**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty,  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over;  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever;  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth —  
You shall rest in God's own land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Julia was predeceased by her husbands: Joseph Anthony Farago and John Edmund (Ted) Galvin; daughter, Elaine (Lewis) Embretson; brothers and sisters: Ambrose, Anna, John, Barbara (Bessie), Mary, Elizabeth (Alice), Michael, Matilda and Joseph.

She is survived by her son, Delvin (Karen) Farago; grandson, Chris (Orith) Farago; granddaughter, Kyra (Dan) Schmidt; great-grandsons: Dalton (Rachel) Schmidt, Colton Schmidt and Carly Otis and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Julia's family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the Manitou Lodge for their loving care and to Rita Allin and her sister, the late Fay Marta, for the extraordinary amount of time they spent caring for and visiting her.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial Mass will be held in Watrous, Sask. at a later date.

For a further eulogy, online condolences and tributes, please visit: [Fotheringham-McDougall.com](http://Fotheringham-McDougall.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manitou Lodge Activity Department, c/o Watrous District Health Complex, Box 130, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0.

Interment will be private - Watrous Cemetery.