

**SHIER,
Gudrun
1937 - 2017**

On April 9, 2017, Gudrun (Franson) Shier succumbed to cancer. Her family included Herb, her husband of 60 years, children Donna (Tim) Korol, Dean, Pat (Denis Chalifour), Peggy, Joanne, grandchildren: Julie (Neil) MacKenzie, Steve (Kerri), Christine, Kevin (Kristyn) Korol; Alex, Nicole, Jocelyne Chalifour; Jordan, Tyson Shier, and six great grandchildren. She had seven siblings: Herbert, Don, Einar, Hilding Franson, Vera Wyshynski, Ingrid Buchinski and Linnea Moen.

Martha Gudrun Margareta was born Dec. 13, 1937 to Otto and Hildur Franson who farmed at Colonsay. Gudrun attended Nicklet and Colonsay Schools. Gudrun was a member of Elstow 4-H Poultry Club and in 1954 she represented Saskatchewan at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair (Nationals), winning first place. In 1957 she married Herb Shier and designed their home and beautiful farm yard with an orchard, flowers and vegetable garden. Gudrun considered her best years were when she was raising her family. She was a dedicated and patient mother and homemaker. Gudrun loved gardening, birdwatching, travelling, being with children, dancing, curling, playing the piano, bowling and learning. She had a strong social conscience, volunteering and donating to many causes. With her artistic flair, she created elaborate costumes, flower arrangements and wedding cakes. Gudrun and Herb went dancing regularly, including 40 years of square dancing in Saskatoon. Family car trips included California, Illinois and B.C. After her children grew up, she continued to travel, including visiting relatives in Sweden. Gudrun had a strong faith. She was called to ministry and convoked from St. Andrew's College in 1993. As a United Church minister, she served in Aylsham and Viscount pastoral charges.

In lieu of flowers, Gudrun suggested donations to McClure United Church.

Her Celebration of Life will be Sunday, Apr. 23 at 2 p.m. at McClure United Church, Saskatoon.