



**IVES,  
Rita Evelyn**

Rita Evelyn Ives (nee Code), 85 years, of Leamington, Ont., passed away June 16, 2020 with family by her side.

Rita was born to parents, George and Annabelle Code, in Tisdale, Sask. on June 15, 1935.

Loving mother of Colleen (Greg) Coats, Steven (Anita) Ives, Darren Ives, and Kristin (Jay) Ives-

Howard. Cherished grandmother of Bryan Coats, Brett (Jennifer) Coats, Jillian (Ryan) Ives, Jacklyn (Josh) Epp, Dylan (Alexis) Ives, Taylor (Drew) Ives, Taylor Howard, Jamie Ives, and Mylie Ives. Doting 'Grandma Grape' (great-grandmother) to Cameron, Caitlynn, Camden, Rhiannon and Joslyn. Rita will also be missed by her siblings, Marie Reeves, Vi Rintoul, Sandy Federspiel, Ray Code, Ken Code, Mervin Code and David Code, her brother-in-law Harry Ives, her best friend Joyce Williamson and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Jack Ives (1923-1985) and her brothers Bob Code and Don Code.

Rita adventured to Ontario with her Grandpa McRae on the Canadian National Railway as a teenager. Always independent, she decided to stay and started working on local farms and in the Superior Converters overall factory in Mount Forest. While in Ontario, Rita eventually met and married her love, Jack Ives, in 1956. Rita and Jack settled in Jack's hometown of Leamington, Ont. Rita was a valued employee of the H.J. Heinz Company of Canada Ltd. for 26 years. She was an active member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, holding the executive position of secretary treasurer for many years. Always busy and giving of herself, in retirement Rita was an active volunteer with the Salvation Army Leamington, the John R. Park Homestead in Harrow, and Windsor's Community Museum. She received several honours and awards for her volunteer service and community involvement. Rita was the most incredible mother, grandmother, and friend. She opened her home and her heart to many, always offering a seat at her table to friends and family from near and far. She was a wonderful baker, famous for her buns, sugar cookies, and strawberry pies. Rita was a fierce competitor and enjoyed winning at euchre, cribbage and crokinole.

The family extends special thanks to the staff and the Chaplain of the Leamington Mennonite Home Retirement Residence, where she received wonderful companionship and care.

A celebration of life and interment will take place at a future time when friends and family can gather together to celebrate Rita's life. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial donations can be made to the Salvation Army Leamington or the Leamington Mennonite Home.