



KOPECK, Mary

Mary Kopeck, age 97, left us peacefully on Monday, November 14th while in St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Mary was the eldest daughter of Nick and Katherine Kunetsky (Haniak) of Canora, Sask. Mary grew up in Canora with five brothers: John, Mike, Dan, Nick, George and three

sisters: Kay, Susan and Vicki. Mary also had five step-siblings from her father's first marriage.

Mary met her late husband Frank Kopeck in Canora. They were married on October 29th, 1939 and shared 58 years together. Many of the early years in their marriage were spent moving from town to town between Saskatchewan and Manitoba, looking for work and a place where they felt was "home". In 1962 they moved to Watrous, Sask. where they found "home" and lived there for over 30 years. Mary and Frank raised eight children and Mary is now survived by all of her children and their spouses: Eugene, Lawrence and (Grace), Sylvia and (Arnold), Alexander and (Sandra Patricia), Jeanette and (Don), Richard and (Joanne), Sandra and (Ken), Sherrie MacIvor. She is also survived by 25 beautiful grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was very proud of her family.

Following the passing of her husband in 1997, Mary moved to Saskatoon and lived at Columbia Manor for the majority of her time there. Mary loved spending time playing bingo, cards and having coffee with all residents. She was the first one to say hello to someone and ask how they were doing. Her friendliness won people over and she was very loved and respected within her complex. But her secret to living a long life in her later years was walking. She walked everyday, sometimes twice a day and she walked kilometers! We believe this was her key to living a long, healthy life. Everyone will remember Mary in their own way, but we know that if you just went for a walk in her memory, that would put a big smile on her face.

She was predeceased by her parents Nick and Katherine Kunetsky (Haniak); husband Frank; son-in-law Jeff MacIvor; grandson Blaine Wilderman; brothers Mike, Dan, Nick and sisters Kay and Vicki.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Leson's Funeral Home in Canora, Sask. on June 2nd, 2018 to honour her and what would have been her 98th birthday.