



**SATHER,
Thelma**

Thelma Sather, aged 86 years, passed away at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, Sask. on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

Thelma Anice Friesen was born on January 4, 1935 on the family farm near Aylsham, Sask. She was the second youngest child born to Anton and Meta Friesen. She was predeceased by her brothers

Elmer, Arleigh and Tony, and her sisters Edna, Bernice, Irene, Verna and Lorna.

Mom came to Watrous with her friend, Eleanor Allan, in 1952. She worked at the Watrous Hospital for several years, at a time when it was uncommon to have a working mom. When she decided to make a career change, she worked in retail for a few years at Sears and McLeod's before she took employment at Manitou Lodge in 1978. She would remain working at Manitou Lodge until her retirement in January 2000. Mom worked very hard during much of her life, while raising five kids. Mom married Clarence (Rev) Sather on August 4, 1959. They lived in Watrous throughout their 42 years of marriage, until dad passed away in April of 2001. Mom remained in their home for a couple of years and then moved into a condo in Watrous until she was no longer able to live on her own due to a diagnosis of Dementia. After living in Watrous for 66 years, mom moved to the Warm and Cozy Care Home in Saskatoon in 2018 where she resided until her passing. Mom loved shopping for clothes and took great pride in her appearance and being dressed fashionably. All of her outfits included matching jewelry. Mom took great pleasure in music, dancing, flower gardening, playing cards, Scrabble, puzzles, walking or going for coffee. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She still remembered how to knit the last time knitting needles were put in her hand. In the summer, she and Eleanor could be found driving around and stopping for coffee or heading out to Bingo or on a trip to play the slot machines. Mom was a "white knuckle driver," who made the best of us nervous to drive with her behind the wheel. She loved ice cream, especially from Dairy Queen. In her later years, Mom became involved in community activities. She joined the "Do-Gooders" and participated in raising money for community projects. She was also actively involved in the United Church and attended

many activities hosted by the Watrous Arts Council. Mom also had the opportunity to travel including multiple visits to Alberta by train or bus to visit Don and Donita, bus trips to Branson, USA and the Maritimes in eastern Canada, as well as a trip to visit Cheryl in Lyon, France which included a trip to Paris with Cheryl and Teegan. She was a strong, independent woman. She passed these traits onto her own children, teaching us to be hard working, assertive and independent. Mom loved visits from family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Becoming a grandma for the first time when Michael was born in 1981 was one of her greatest joys. She was often in attendance at sporting events of her grandkids, especially Hayli in her later years.

Mom and dad raised five children: Donita Armstrong, Cheryl Collins (Brent), Darren, Trudi Riach (Bill) and Donald (Dian). She also had 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren: Michael Kane (Amanda) and their daughter, Leona; Jennifer Campbell (Jon) and their boys, Sam, Will and Brandon; Janelle Edwards (Colin) and their children, Cole, Allie and Mckenna; Teegan (Aaron) and Reid Collins; Hayli and Bree Riach; Brett Anderson, Sydney and Reichen Sather; Mom is also survived by her son, Bob Glassford and his children Jed and Jill, and her brother, Ron Friesen, longtime friend, Connie Gillard, and many nieces and nephews.

Mom was predeceased by dad (2001), her son Darren (1980), granddaughter Bree Riach (2001) and son-in-law Brian Armstrong (2020).

Mom appreciated all that Trudi and Bill put into taking care of her in her later years. The family thanks them profusely for always being there for mom, with much gratitude. We also thank the Warm and Cozy Care Home for the amazing care they gave our mom over the past three years. Mom will be greatly missed by all of her family.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a memorial service will be held at a later date at Watrous United Church

Private family interment will be held at a later date at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous United Church or Watrous Rotary Trail would be appreciated.

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