



**SIMPSON,  
Arleen**

Arleen Simpson passed away Monday, October 12 at the age of 76. She was predeceased by her parents, Mabel and Roy. Left to cherish her memory are her husband Alfred, her children Mark (Gaylene) and Marla, and her grandchildren, Eric and Shawna.

Arleen was born in Moose Jaw and raised on a farm near Vantage. Upon graduation from high school in Assiniboia, she attended the Saskatchewan Teacher's College in Regina. Her first teaching job took her to Watrous where she met and married Alfred Simpson in 1965. They lived and farmed west of Watrous for many years, but eventually moved to a house built in Watrous in 1992. They continued to farm until retirement in 2005 and remained in Watrous until June 2020 when they moved to a retirement residence in Regina.

Arleen was an avid crafter, spending many hours making beautiful creations including needlework, crocheting and knitting. Hundreds of projects were completed over the years. She was an accomplished seamstress and could sew just about anything, often without a pattern. Over the years she made costumes for figure skating, tutus for ballet class, curtains, upholstery, and of course clothing. Her grandchildren possess many items made with love including Elsa and Anna dresses, and Star Wars costumes. She also took up quilting making many beautiful items still cherished by family and friends.

She was well-known for her collection of owl figurines. The collection started simply enough, but soon an owl became a go-to gift for many of her friends and family. Custom built shelves were fabricated to store them but soon were full to capacity with over 700 individual figurines in her collection.

Figure skating was an interest which grew from watching competitions on television to travelling to various cities across Canada to watch the events live. She was very particular about where she sat in the arena and often had to make special arrangements with the tour organizer as the block of seats secured for the tour did not meet her specifications.

Arleen was very fond of playing cards. The game didn't really matter; kaiser, bridge, whist, or canasta. She developed a reputation with her friends for winning which was quickly discovered by other residents of the seniors complex where she lived for the last several months.

Her family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the staff at Brightwater Senior Living for their assistance in her last days.

At Arleen's request a funeral will not be held.