



**VAN DAMME,  
Eileen Ruth  
(nee Roney)**

Eileen Van Damme, aged 84 years, passed away at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial, Sask. on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

Eileen was born on November 14, 1935 at the farmhouse 14 miles west of Imperial and was delivered by Mrs. McGifford. The family moved to the Roney

homestead in 1940, which is still farmed by family today. Eileen attended Rolling Ridge School with her siblings. In 1949, the family moved to Nipawin to find work. Eileen and her family moved back to the town of Imperial in 1953, where she graduated from Imperial School in 1954. After graduation, she worked at the Royal Bank in Regina and then transferred to Imperial. Eileen and Ernest met during her school years in Imperial and married in September of 1961. They raised four children, first in Imperial, and then on the family farm. While raising her family, Eileen enjoyed sewing and made many outfits for her children. She returned to school in 1990 to complete her Special Care Aide certification and worked for eight years with many seniors to make their lives easier. Eileen was always up for a challenge, so she became one of the first drivers for Imperial & District Ambulance. She also dedicated a good portion of her life to babysitting various grandchildren. That time with her grandchildren was one of her greatest joys. Eileen was active on various boards and volunteered for many community events. During retirement, Eileen filled her days gardening, cross stitching, knitting, crocheting, making crafts, camping with friends and family, and watching her children and grandchildren's sports and activities.

Eileen will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 58 years, Ernest; children: Rhonda (Gary), Randy (Debbie), Karla (Mark), and Jason (Jade); grandchildren: Jennifer (Mike), Kyle, Brett (Eden), Codie (Patrick), Austin, Paige (Aaron), Emmett (Emma), Maguire, Mackenzie, Rylee, and Preston; great-grandchildren: Alexa, Bailey, Chloe, and Tyson; her sister Jean (Corky) Loewen; sisters-in-law: Dorothy Roney, Elaine (Alvin) Joa, and Linda Van Damme; brothers-in-law: Glenn (Onagh) Crawford, Glen Larsen, and Cliff Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Amanda Van Damme; parents Robert and Margaret Roney; siblings and in-laws: Cliff Hanna, Allan (Lois) Roney, Clifford Roney, Marjorie Larsen, Beth Crawford, Barry Roney, Alan Van Damme, and Bernice Van Damme; niece Karen Hanna; and nephew Bruce Joa.

Prayer service was held December 2. The Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, Imperial, Sask. on December 3 conducted by Fr. Peter Olisa.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Randy Van Damme was urnbearer. Crossbearer was Kevin Joa. Kevin Joa and Harvey McLane were gift bearers. Register attendants were Gayle Brooker and LeeGay Lucas. Ed Brooker and Eugene Lucas were ushers. Eulogy was given by LeeGay Lucas. Eden Mooney and Jade Van Damme were scripture readers. Vocalists were Christina and Sarah Joa. Music was provided by Pat Joa and Bev McLane.

Private family interment followed at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Long Lake Valley Auxiliary or Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility - Palliative Care Unit, C/O Box 180, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0 would be appreciated.

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