



**WOIDEN,
Margaret**

We wish to announce the peaceful passing of Margaret Woiden (nee Penrod) on Friday, May 1, 2020 at St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Care in Saskatoon after a short battle with cancer.

Margaret is lovingly remembered by her husband of 68 years Walter, daughter Leanne (Michael) Deneiko, son Jeff (Lana) Woiden, granddaughter Tanya (Aaron) George and their daughters Myelle and Layla, grandson Dannis (Katie) Deneiko and their son Isaac, and grandson Trevor (Tracy) Shaw.

Margaret was born on the family farm south of Zelma, Sask. on March 22, 1932 to Isaac and Lola Penrod. She was one of eight children in her family who grew up attending Strawberry School. After living and working in Regina she returned to the family farm, and while at a local dance she met Walter, who she knew from her childhood. They went on to marry on October 18, 1951. In 1952, together they took over Walter's dad's farm out in the hills between Young and Hanley. Then, in 1957 and 1965 they had their two children. Walter's mom would often come out to help with the household chores and kids so that Margaret could help with the farm work. While she stayed with them, Margaret learned how to make traditional Ukrainian dishes that were Woiden family recipes. Walter and Margaret liked visiting, playing cards with friends, and curling in the winter time. In 1970, they started living in Young for the winters, then in 1975 they started living in town full time. She served on numerous community committees while living in Young. Margaret had a beautiful yard full of flowers and a huge garden and greenhouse. She passed her green thumb on to her daughter and granddaughter who now love to garden. She enjoyed living just down the hill from her grandchildren who would walk or bike to her house to bake with her, play in the garden, and sit in the rocking chair and read books. After retiring from farming, Walter and Margaret started an asphalt business repairing roads for five different RMs over 10 years. She also had her own business making beautiful wedding cakes. She decorated over 100 of them and taught cake decorating at Carlton Trail College. Margaret also enjoyed doing all sorts of crafts and she and her daughter attended numerous craft sales to sell their various creations. Finally, after years of hard work, she and Walter officially retired to Saskatoon. They continued to maintain a beautiful yard and as Walter took on woodworking they continued to attend craft sales throughout Saskatchewan. While living in Saskatoon they continued to enjoy visits with friends, while Jeff would come by to play cribbage, Tanya would stop in to bake buns, and Leanne would pop in for visits and coffee as she came into the city from Young. Once the Dakota Dunes casino opened they enjoyed their trips to play the machines and eat lunch at the Dunes. In 2014, Walter and Margaret moved into a condo, where she continued to live until her passing.

The family would like to offer their deepest thanks to the doctors and nurses at Royal University Hospital and the doctors, nurses, and social worker in the palliative care unit at St. Paul's Hospital. It was a very difficult time having Margaret in the hospital during the pandemic as the tight-knit family suddenly couldn't be together at her side, but with the help of the hospital staff we were able to FaceTime, speak on the phone, and know she was well cared for and comfortable as she took her last breaths.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Paul's Palliative Care or the Canadian Cancer Society.

A private family interment will be held and a gathering of friends and family will take place at a later date once gatherings are permitted.

Condolences may be sent to www.hillcrestmemorial.ca Arrangements entrusted to Hillcrest Funeral Home.