



REMEMBERING

Margaret Isabel Gillies

February 22, 1922 - January 3, 2012



Margaret Gillies passed away peacefully on January 3, 2012 in her suite in Columbia Garden Village with family by her side. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Clarence, her sons Barry (Luana) and Brent (Jamie) who both live nearby, brother Rankin Wilkins of Mankota, SK, grandchildren Cam (Renee), Joanne (Patrick), Graham (Yun), Nadia (Jason), Caela, three great grandchildren, Brodie, Maren and Lilla, and well-loved nieces and nephews.

Margaret was born on a farm in Mankota, SK, in 1922. She married Clarence on September 28, 1942. Clarence was a member of the Armed Forces at the time and was posted overseas less than a year later. After his return, they raised their two boys, living most of their married lives in Assiniboia, SK. Margaret was a master homemaker and gardener. She was an active member of the Legion Ladies and assisted to cater many banquets. As her boys grew older, she began work as a personal care attendant at the Ross Payant Nursing Home and continued in this career for 16 years. She quickly gained a reputation for providing first class care for the residents. No one worked harder or paid more attention to the details of making people comfortable.

In 1985, Margaret and Clarence moved to Invermere and were able to be close to their sons and daughters-in-law and their grandchildren as they grew up. They joined family hikes, walked daily, attended school and sports events, hosted wonderful family dinners, and cared for grandkids when they came home sick from school.

Margaret's home was her castle. It was always meticulously clean and well stocked with delicious food. She welcomed friends and went to great lengths to make them comfortable. To the end, she appreciated having friends and family come by for a visit.

In recent years, Margaret had to meet the challenges of declining health but always appreciated the care she received.

A chapel service for Margaret's immediate family was held on Monday, January 9 at Christ Church Trinity. Donations in her memory may be made to the Columbia Valley Food Bank, 201 7th Avenue, Invermere, BC, V0A 1A0. Condolences may be left for the family at www.markmemorial.com.

