



**REMEMBERING**  
**Margaret Mary Holmes**

November 15, 1915 - February 1, 2011



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It is with great sadness that the family of Margaret Mary Holmes announce her passing on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at the F. W. Green Home in Cranbrook, BC. She was 95 years of age.

Margaret leaves to mourn her passing three sons: Kent (Darlene) of Grasmere, Ron (Dorothy) of North Vancouver and Dean (Flo) of Faro, Yukon. Also left to remember her loving ways are six grandchildren: Lori, Gordon, Scott, Jennifer, Melissa and Tyson, two foster grandchildren; Taylor and Malachi, as well as eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Avery on February 9, 1978 after 39 years of marriage.

Margaret was born in Fernie on November 15, 1915 to Meth and Mary Gorrie. She was the eldest of seven siblings and was the last surviving member of her family. She was predeceased by her parents: Methven and Mary Gorrie and her siblings; Earl, Doug, Joe, Doreen, Lorraine and Tommy.

Margaret grew up on farms, first in Dorr in the 1920s, then in Grasmere in the 1930s where she met and married Avery Holmes in 1939. They operated their own farm there (without electricity or running water) until 1956, when they moved to Cranbrook so their boys could attend high school. She became accustomed to hard work and was truly one of our last pioneer women. She lived in the same home until she had to move in 2009. She was always known for her wonderful gardening skills. Along with that went the canning and preserves she would tirelessly prepare for her family. She always kept herself busy and never wanted to sit idle.

Margaret was an artist and loved to draw sketches and paint with oils. Crafts were

her speciality as she loved to knit, crochet, needlepoint or whatever could be done in a artful way. Everyone in the family is the recipient of at least one of her many prized projects whether it be a painting or an afghan. She always kept herself busy with something. When she was still able to drive she would take the elderly folk to Fort Steele for a tour and just to sight-see.

A memorial service will be held in the spring for Margaret. If friends desire, memorial donations may be made in Margaret's memory to a charity you believe in. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.markmemorial.com](http://www.markmemorial.com).

Funeral arrangements in care of Mark Memorial Funeral Services (250) 426-4864

