



**REMEMBERING**  
**Rita Rose Olderness**

September 25, 1922 - July 23, 2014



Rita Rose Wilson was born to Margaret and George Wilson on Sept 25, 1922. Mom passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 in the Kimberley Special Care Home at the age of 91 years. She was born and raised in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan . Attended school at Grassy Creek and took grade 10 & 11 at Scotsguard Saskatchewan . She graduated from boarding school in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Rita had one brother Edward Wilson (deceased) and one sister Nora Sept who currently resides in Medicine Hat ; and many nieces and nephews .

Rita married Rolf Olderness in 1949 in Kimberley BC. Rolf continued to work for Cominco and Rita stayed home and raised their two sons, Don and Neil. It was a shock to all of them when Rolf passed away in June 1973 after a lengthy illness.

Rita returned to college and took some accounting courses after Rolf died and then offered her services to many volunteer organizations in Kimberley and Marysville over the years. Rita loved the outdoors, camping, fishing and horseback riding. She was a long time Moose and CWL Member .

It was quite a few years later when Rita met the second love of her life, Loyal Erickson. They lived in Marysville and were well known in the community. They spent many winters together in Mexico and their summers camping at St. Mary's Lake. In 2001, Rita was once again left on her own when Loyal passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Rita leaves behind her 2 children Don (Gwen) of Marysville with stepson Jeff , (Janice) and Neil , (Terri) of Marysville and daughter Michelle (and Mike) with their son Nathan of Cranbrook.

During her time with Loyal she also became mom to his 4 children and grandma to their children. Wayne Erickson (deceased) , Gladys (Stan) Uhryn with their sons Steven and Mike (Sara) and daughter Laura (Tony deceased ) , Brian Erickson with daughters Tammy (Billy) & daughter Kyla and Tracy & sons Cody & Blake, and

Doug Erickson (deceased) .

A Memorial Service will be held at Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in Kimberley on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 11:am with Father John Kellogg officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.markmemorial.com](http://www.markmemorial.com).

