

Obituary

NELLIE (ANASTASIA) HOLUBOWICH (published on July 22, 2009)



NELLIE (ANASTASIA) HOLUBOWICH Surrounded by the love of her family at her home in Oakbank, our dear Mother and Nanny passed away at the age of 94 years on July 17, 2009. Mom was predeceased by parents William and Anna Kowalyk, husband Carl, infant daughter Marianne, sons-in-law Denis Bagot and George Watson, sister and brother-in-law Kae and John Keller, sister-in-law Effie Kowalec, and Dad's five brothers and sisters. Left to cherish her memory is daughter Patsy and grandson Trevor Watson, son Jim and Linda, grandson Darren (Lorraine), great-grandchildren Lesya, Francis and Meara and granddaughter Corinne Holubowich, daughter Veronica Bagot and granddaughter Jodine (John) and great-grandchildren Dane and Elly Szabo, brother Nicholas Kowalec, and nieces and nephews. Mom was born in Winnipeg and moved with her family to Cook's Creek where she attended Zora School. In 1934 she married Dad. They purchased a blacksmith shop in Oakbank in 1946 and in 1947 Mom and Dad moved our family to Oakbank where she lived until her passing. Mom and Dad operated their business under the name of Carl's Sales Service, selling Cockshutt and White Farm implements. Mom worked alongside Dad selling parts and keeping the books. In later years Jim and George joined them and after Dad's passing, Mom continued helping Jim and George until 1995. Mom and Dad enjoyed travelling. After Dad's passing, Mom continued to travel, visiting far away places in Europe, Asia and Africa. As much as she loved to travel, it seemed the favourite part of her trip was coming home to share her stories, photos and presents. Our favourite part was just having her home. Mom loved the holidays. It was a time for family and she would cook traditional Ukrainian meals for us at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. She loved her church, her dogs and cats and tending to her yard and flower gardens. She enjoyed shopping, sewing, knitting and doing needlepoint. Mom especially enjoyed playing bingo. Mom remained active until December 2007 when her Congestive Heart Failure, Arthritis and Diabetes became just too much for her to maintain an active lifestyle. Although her body slowly began to fail her, her mind remained sharp, even until the end, and she appreciated all that was done for her. She would want us to express her gratitude for the medical care and comfort she was given. Thank you to Dr. Donald Miller and nurse Linda Sokol, Mom's home care providers, Laura, Maggie, Sherri-ann and Mary, nurses Terry and Caroline and Dr. Kowaluk. Our family is thankful for your support. Words cannot convey the pain in our hearts that will never go away. If you knew our Mom, you'd understand why she was loved. She always had a smile and was kind, generous and a gentle lady who gave so much, asking for so little in return. Mom spent her entire life loving and caring for her family, and for that we will be eternally grateful. God sends an angel to hold our hand throughout life, and He named her Mom. We will miss you. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Cook's Creek with Father Taras Kowch officiating. Interment will follow in the Parish Cemetery. CROPO FUNERAL CHAPEL 586-8044