



REMEMBERING **Blanche Guidon**

March 29, 1925 - September 22, 2012



Blanche was born to Archie and Lizzie Eheler while the family was living in the outlying area of Melfort, SK. She was the seventh of twelve children, the fourth of five girls in a long string of boys. From Melfort the family moved to Penticton, BC and then Stockton, CA where her parents lived out the rest of their lives. She met and married Alphonse Guidon during WWII and, after the war, they settled in Burton, on the family farm, to raise their family of seven children. In 1960 they relocated the family to Nakusp where they resided until Alphonse's passing. Blanche moved to Vernon in 1998, then to Trail in 2005 and finally Castlegar in 2007. She greatly treasured her independence, and although it seemed as though laundry was her "hobby", her actual interests were other home-based activities like knitting and sewing, and she liked to keep her mind active with games like Scrabble or Upwords, as well as crossword and other word puzzles.

Blanche was predeceased by her eldest daughter, Yvonne Wegner, in 1975; her husband Al in 1997; her parents; and all of her siblings - Ted, Thelma (Thompson), Elsie (Boehm), Clarence, Dorothy, Gordon, Gerald, Keith, Harold, Ralph, and Shirley (Hayes). She is loved and remembered by her remaining six children - Lawrence (Coleen) Guidon of Nakusp; Lynne Davis from Grande Prairie, AB; Patti (Rick) George from Powell River; Brian Guidon from Kamloops; Debra Stewart from Castlegar; and Valerie (Dennis) Marchand from Woodstock, NB as well as her thirteen grandchildren - Wray (Heidi) and Dwayne (Alisha) Wegner of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and Tacoma, WA respectively; Paul (Jan) Guidon of Nakusp; Leah McKenzie of Grande Prairie, AB; Lara Detta of Kamloops; Brent (Daliha) George of Vancouver; Aaron (Darlene) George of Victoria; Kyla (Jeff) McLellan of Woodstock, NB; Jason (Jackie) Davis of Grande Prairie; Kirsten (CB) Lovercheck of

Pemberton, OR; Robyn Guidon of Fort St. John; Meghan Marchand of Sydney; and Melissa (Jarrod) Teindl of Nakusp as well as twenty-six great-grandchildren - Courtney, Blake, Gage, Caden, Annaliese, Lucy (Yvonne's); Hannah, Rebecca, Mikel, Hunter (Larry's); Maria, Justin, Cassandra, Janet, Caleb (Lynne's); Grace (Patti's); Luke, Kelsey, Reilly (Brian's); Makayla, Kaitlyn (Debra's); Russell, Nya, Anna, Logan, Carson (Valerie's).

Blanche's final resting place will be beside her devoted husband in Burton Cemetery.

