



REMEMBERING
Helen Maja

March 12, 1929 - November 29, 2014



In Loving Memory of; Helen Grace Maja- born March 12, 1929 in Nolalu Ontario. It is with great sorrow we announce Helen's passing on November 29, 2014 in the Arrow Lakes Hospital. Sadly predeceased by her sister Betty (Owen) and eldest daughter Grace (Rick), Helen has left her pain and suffering behind surrounded and comforted by her family and friends. Helen's loving husband of 66 years Onni Matt and their children, Dan (Lynne), Betty (Richard), Julia (Kent), Emily (Cyril), Matt (Barb), and Jodi (Bill) miss her greatly. Also missing their Mummu and Isomummu are her 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Her dear brother Harry (Norma) and many nieces and nephews also mourn their loss. Helen's garden was precious to her and all of us, as gallons of canned fruits and veggies were passed on every year to family and friends and all the many jars were filled with much goodness and love. A very practical person who didn't like to see things thrown away she found many ways to reuse items, "a recycler," before recycling was trendy and cool. Also an avid knitter, from the many pairs of socks and slippers we all cherish, to the special bed spreads for all her children and the personalized afghans for her grandchildren. From socks to slippers, from afghans to bedspreads she made sure that her love kept us warm when she couldn't be there, all were created and given with love. Mummu always had cookies for all who visited and made hundreds of dozens of her special perogies for weddings and reunions. The legacy of her famous pickled beets, HP Sauce, and perogies will live on through the recipes that have been shared with family. For us a memory of her love freely given. Our Mom, Mummu, and Isomummu will not be forgotten as she leaves behind a legacy of love. Always to be remembered for her caring heart, her never ending support, her honesty, her high moral standards and commitment to family and friends, as was her ever present humor, quiet wisdom, and especially the unconditional love for all her family. Always appreciative when any of her "kids," or "grandkids" called or visited, never would she complain that calls or visits were not

often or long enough. She always enjoyed family get to gathers and welcomed the many visits by all. Fiercely independent, her illness was very difficult on her as it prevented her from being independent and from helping others out. Mom, Helen, Mummu, Isomummu will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. A celebration of life will be held in Nakusp on International Women's Day, March 8th, 2015. Messages of condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.valleyfh.ca. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice as Mom always liked and wanted to help others. The family would like to express their appreciation to the doctors and staff at Arrow Lakes Hospital for their care and comfort of Mom through this difficult time.

