

## **AGNES CHRISTINE CARLSON (nee Dahl)**

(July 2, 1921 - May 19, 2017)

Agnes Christine Carlson is remembered as a sweet and loving soul with a great sense of humor. She lived life to its fullest and brought happiness and grace to the many family and friends that knew her.

Born at home near Buffalo Lake, Alberta, she was the youngest child of Anders and Kari Dahl. Raised on the family farm, she developed a love of farming and animals. She learned to ride at an early age on her father's work horses and finished

with a trail ride into Wilmore Wildness for her 70th birthday.

In World War II, Agnes joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served 3 years in Sydney, Nova Scotia. She loved to recount some of the shenanigans she managed to get into in those days! When she returned home she taught school for 3 years in Arras, Toms Lake and Coleman Creek, B.C. During this time she met Eric, the love of her life, and in 1950 they married in Fort Nelson, B.C. Together they lead an interesting life that involved numerous businesses, such as farming, construction, gas station and saw milling. Truly equal partners, Agnes operated equipment, cared for the animals and managed all the books and paper work.

Despite her busy work life, Agnes still found time to sew, knit, crochet, pick berries and be actively involved in the community. Agnes would often come in off a tractor (which in those days had no cab or a/c) get cleaned up without the benefits of a shower, blow dryer or curling iron in order to attend one of her many meetings. She was never one to back down from a challenge and could be a formidable opponent when standing up for something she was passionate about (all 5 feet of her)!

Agnes and Eric loved to fish, dance and travel and in their retirement years were fortunate enough to do all three; always "holding hands" and truly inseparable. Agnes was always so proud of and involved with her family and becoming a Great Grandmother in September 2017, at the age of 95, was one of the highlights of her life. (see photo)

On May 19, 2017 Agnes peacefully left our world to join Eric. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her daughter Valerie (Sateen) Katarey, and son Eric Renny (Jo-Anne); grandson Eric (Allison) Katarey and their daughter Christina. Agnes is predeceased by two brothers, two sisters and 3 step sisters. Several brother-in laws, sister-in-laws and numerous nieces and nephews will remember the many family gatherings and visits that they enjoyed with Eric and Agnes.

One of Agnes' greatest desires was to stay in her own home. We would like to thank the very special friends, extraordinary care givers and dedicated professionals of Sundre Home Care and the Moose & Squirrel for supporting us in making this happen. As per their joint wishes, Agnes and Eric will be laid to rest together in a private family memorial later this year at the Norden Cemetery, near La Glace, Alberta.

Her family wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their kind words and support during this very difficult time. Donations in Agnes's memory may be made to S.T.A.R.S Air Ambulance or the Sundre Legion Branch #223, Box 22, Sundre, AB T0M 1X0.

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