

Oct 14, 2011

Mary K. Loewen



Mary K. Loewen was born to Cornelius and Anna J. Loewen on March 20, 1907 in Rosenort, Manitoba. She was ushered into glory on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 to be welcomed by her Saviour.

Reflecting on Aunt Mary's life, it was a long life, some of us might say that for the most part a tedious life. She attended the Rosenort School. On August 2, 1931 at the age of 24 she made her public profession of faith by being baptised and joining the Rosenort E.M.C. (Kleine Gemeinde) where she has remained a member all her life.

Growing up on the farm she did her share of the hard labour. In her younger years it was not unusual for her to be out on the field managing a team of 4 to 8 horses. Mostly however, she worked in the garden and in the house. Aunt Mary was truly a green earth friendly person, making everything from scratch and avoiding all chemicals that might contaminate the soil and the body.

The long winter months provided time to catch up on sewing and other stitching projects. Her embroidery and crocheting were done to perfection and nurtured her keen sense of artistic creativity.

In the summer of 1996 her sister Tina passed away. She joined her sister Margaret and brother Jake at the Eventide Home that fall. In April 1997, her sister Margaret passed away. Within 6 months, Aunt Mary had lost her two closest sisters and her home. It was like the dark clouds of life's events were not going to leave her and she grieved greatly. The Flood of 1997 created more changes which eventually brought her to the Red River Valley Lodge where she resided till the day of her death.

We as family wish to thank the wonderful staff at the Red River Valley Lodge who provided Aunt Mary with all the loving care throughout the 14 years that she resided there.

During her stay at the Lodge, Mary experienced several falls, and approximately 8 years ago she suffered a fractured hip. There were several deep fainting episodes over the years as reminders that her body was ageing. To the very end her mind was alert and though she had almost complete hearing loss, she recognized us and was always happy to see us.

On September 22, she fell and her pain was intense. Every effort was made to keep her comfortable. At one point she expressed her desire to die. On September 27 her wishes were granted.

She was predeceased by her parents Cornelius and Anna Loewen; siblings and spouses, Elizabeth and Peter T. Kroeker, Margaret, Anna, Helen and John Koop, Tina, Peter and Elizabeth, Isaac, Cornelius and Margaret, Jacob and Helena, and John.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Helen B. Loewen and numerous nieces and nephews.

The verses found in II Timothy 4: 7&8 seem to fit perfectly to Aunt Mary and may we all be challenged to make them our own as well.

If friends so desire, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Red River Valley Lodge, Box 507, Morris, MB R0G 1K0.

Her funeral service was held at the Rosenort EMC on Saturday October 1, with arrangements by the Morris Funeral Home.