

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday, March 21, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Officiant:

Rev. Collette Baker

Music Ministry:

Sharon Moir

Eulogist:

Brad & Tavia Hryhor

Memorial Book Table Attendants:

Natalie Lohman & Ella Braitenbach

Memorial Donation Table Attendants:

Phyllis Arnst & Irene Gunther

Active Pallbearers:

Evan Pronych
Scott Pronych
Doran Pronych

Ben Funk
Owen Gunther
Reinhard Jeschke

INTERMENT:

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

Trinity Lutheran Church
or
Central Parkland Lodge

Memorial Luncheon:

Trinity Lutheran Church Hall

Lydia, the 13th child of Peter and Maria Friesen, was born at Jyden, Siberia, Russia, on October 22, 1919. At the age of seven, together with her parents and six of her siblings, she arrived at Drake, SK, in November 1926. The following spring the Friesens settled on a homestead southwest of Lanigan. Lydia attended Poplar Hill School, which was located four miles from home. On June 5, 1938, she was baptized at North Star Mennonite Church west of Drake. That same year, her parents purchased a farm two miles north of Lanigan. In March 1944, her mother passed away at the age of 66. That October, her father sold the farm and moved into Drake. On December 22, 1944, Lydia married Otto Gunther at Lanigan. They lived on Otto's farm which he had purchased from his dad in 1942. Lydia and Otto were blessed with two children, a daughter and a son. In 1945, Lydia was confirmed and received in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Gunthers moved into Lanigan in 1951, and Otto continued to farm from town. Over the years, Lydia was employed at various places, including the Lagana Hotel in Lanigan, where she began working in 1960. In 1988, Otto retired from farming. Due to failing health, on May 13, 2002, he became a resident of Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan, and passed away there on January 4, 2004. After that, Lydia sold their home and moved to Humboldt. On October 19, 2012, a final move was made to Bethany Pioneer Village, where she resided until the present. She leaves a legacy of strength, perseverance, sensitivity, faith, love, care, and compassion from childhood on, which she gained from the hardships experienced from a difficult trip across the ocean while immigrating to a new country, which meant being separated from several close relatives, learning to live with new normals, and tending to the needs of her mother when she fell ill and until her death. That dedication carried on in her life as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Lydia will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her two children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren: **Florence** Pronych of Lake Lenore, SK, and family, **Evan** (Lana) Pronych of Humboldt and children, **Abbie**, **Justin** and **Ryland**, **Scott** Pronych of Prince Albert, SK, and **Doran** (Sherr) Pronych of Melfort, SK, and children, **Mason** and **Summer**; and **Vernon** (Janet) Gunther of Spruce Home, SK, and family, **Owen** (Rae) Gunther of Humboldt and daughter **Addison**, **Tavia** (Brad) Hryhor of Saskatoon, SK, and **Christine** (Art) Ring of Brooks, AB, and children **Dakota**, **Hana** and **Declan**; one sister, Margaret Leffler of Lanigan, SK; and by numerous relatives of the Friesen and Gunther families. She was predeceased by her husband, Otto Gunther (2004); son-in-law, Joe Pronych (2012); parents, Peter and Maria Friesen; and by numerous relatives of the Friesen and Gunther families.



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude
for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed,
and for your attendance at the funeral service.

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL

*Humboldt, Saskatchewan
"Dedicated to those we serve."*

In Loving Memory Of



Lydia Gunther

Bethany Pioneer Village - Middle Lake, Saskatchewan

BORN:

October 22, 1919
Jyden, Siberia, Russia

DIED:

March 16, 2015
Middle Lake, Saskatchewan

AGE:

95 Years