

## **Her Journey's Just Begun**

**Don't think of her as gone away  
her journey's just begun;  
Life holds so many facets --  
this earth is only one.**

**Just think of her as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.**

**Think now how she must wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.**

**And think of her as living  
in the hearts of those she touched ...  
for nothing loved is every lost --  
and she was loved so much.**

(Eileen Brenneman)

### **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 Ruth Violet Briggs*



*November 11, 1926 - September 22, 2017*  
*90 Years*

## FUNERAL SERVICE:

Thursday, September 28, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.  
Crossroads Bible Church, Spalding, Saskatchewan

### Officiant:

Pastor Brian Unger

### Music Ministry:

Marilyn Jackson

### Memorial Table Attendants:

Laurie Reschny & Jody McLeod

### Active Pallbearers:

Cory Pomfrey - Paul Slater  
Brock Slater - Michael Slater - Brent Slater  
Robert McLeod - Derrick Pomfrey

### Honorary Pallbearers:

Vincent & Florence Dewing,  
and all others who shared in Ruth's life."

### INTERMENT:

Naicam Public Cemetery  
Naicam, Saskatchewan

### Memorial Luncheon:

Crossroads Bible Church  
Spalding, Saskatchewan

### Memorial Donations:

Quill Plains Centennial Lodge  
Renovation Fund

Ruth will be lovingly remembered by her three daughters and 12 grandchildren: **Beryl** Slater (Albert Rose) and family, **Michael** (Erin) Slater, **Paul** (Susan) Slater, **Brent** (Brittany) Slater, **Brock** (Renae) Slater, **Cindy** (Fidelio) Borges, and **David** (Erin) Rose; **Brenda** (James) Pomfrey and family, **Derrick** Pomfrey, **Corey** Pomfrey, and **Jennifer** (Devon) Gillanders; and **Shirley** (Lloyd) McLeod and family, **Laurie** (Ashley) Reschny, **Jody** McLeod (Dave Bilokraly), and **Robert** (Leslie) McLeod; 16 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Lorne (Myrtle) Briggs; very special friends, Vincent and Florence Dewing; and by numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Stewart Briggs; son, Marlin (in infancy); parents, Frederick and Margaret (nee Leah) Gassall; parents-in-law, Lee and Mable (nee Gray) Briggs; 16 step-brothers and step-sisters and their spouses; two sisters-in-law and their spouses; and by numerous nieces and nephews.



Ruth was born on November 11, 1926, to Frederick and Margaret (nee Leah) Gassall in the Saskatoon area. She attended Floral School, then moved to Saskatoon to finish her education. Ruth was always pleased to say that she went to school with Gordie Howe, who was also born near Floral. After completing a secretarial course, she worked in Saskatoon. Ruth met the love of her life, Stewart Briggs, when he was on leave from the Canadian Armed Forces. They were married on July 15, 1946, and started their life together in the Spalding district. Life was difficult, but they persevered and worked side-by-side, whether in the field or tending to their livestock. Their family of three girls were raised on the farm. The Briggs table was always a meeting place for dinner or coffee time. No one was every turned away or left hungry; an extra plate was always available. When Ruth's family left to pursue their lives, she went to work at the Spalding Pharmacy. When the grandchildren started to arrive, they were greeted with great joy; hugs and kisses were always offered and they would still wait for Ruth's hugs as adults. Ruth always had time to talk to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, making them all feel very important. Everyone will remember her standing at the door waving goodbye and telling them she loved them, and that they should phone when they got home,

whether they were going ten miles or a hundred. Ruth and Stewart loved the lake and spent a lot of time at their Marean Lake cabin. In later years, they started attending chuck wagon races with their very dear friends, the Souter family, who became extended family members to Ruth and Stewart. In 1986, they sold the farm and moved to Spalding. Over the years, Ruth was a member of the White Dove Society, volunteered at the Spalding Museum, and spent many hours working at the Spalding Bowling Alley. Her greatest passions in life were her family first and foremost, quilting, needlework, gardening, and tending to her plants and flowers. She will be remembered for her good ethics, hard work, and importance of the love she had for her family. On October 16, 2011, Stewart passed away. Ruth continued to live in their home for another four years, and then moved to Sunshine Manor in Watson. Just three weeks ago, she became a resident of Quill Plains Centennial Lodge.