

Mary Irene Hodges

June 14th, 1922 - August 30th, 2014

Irene was born on the Russell Hill farm west of Drake Sask., the eldest daughter of Russell and Agnes (Brandt) Hill. She completed High School and Normal School in Saskatoon and began a 27 year teaching career starting at Bratton School near Macrorie, Plunkett School, Loch Lomond school, Plymouth School, Bloomfield School, Drake School and ending with seven years in Lanigan School in 1981. During these years she spent many of her summers upgrading her education at the University of Sask. She met Earl Hodges while teaching at Bratton School and they were married on the Hill family farm on Sept. 20, 1943. Their first home was in Eyre, Sask., a few years later they moved to the farm west of Drake, then into the town of Drake, and in 1974 they moved to Lanigan. The last five years of her long life were spent in Regina Sask.

Irene believed that the best things in life were not things. Her passions were her family, teaching, history, traveling, writing and contributing to her community. She did all this with enthusiasm and commitment. Of course her desire for teaching didn't end with her school career, in 1985 Irene started and led a Senior Fitness Group for 15 years. She was very instrumental in saving the Train Station in Lanigan and contributed in the organization of the Lanigan and District Heritage Association. She wrote a weekly column for the Lanigan newspaper and published a book called Heritage Happenings. Irene was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion, Lanigan Knox United Church since 1955, United Church women, Merry Mixers, Lanigan Sr. Fitness, Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation, Arts Council and Homemakers club. She also taught Sunday school and assisted with Vacation bible school. Visiting new places was very exciting for her and everywhere she went was an adventure she couldn't wait to share with family and friends. Although she travelled many parts of the world, her favorite places were Last Mountain Lake, the west coast of British Columbia and watching the prairie sunset.



Irene was predeceased by her parents Agnes & Russell Hill, her husband Patrick "Earl" Hodges in 1988, granddaughter Chelsea Hodges in 1984, her sister Florence Webb, brother Bruce Hill, special friend Eric Gibney, several brother and sister-in-laws as well as nephews. She leaves to mourn, her three children, Jim, Rick (Angela) and Elaine. Also, her cherished grandchildren, Jason (Adrienne), Tyler (Amber), Jennifer, Miranda, Tara (Brad) and David Willerth of Iowa, great grandchildren, Keyera, Kable, Tyrus, Sam and Max. She is survived by her sisters Isabelle Nixon of Calgary, Joanne (Alex) Schroeder Watrous, sister-in-law Jean Hill (California), and many cousins, nieces and nephews throughout Canada and the United States.



In Loving Memory

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 4, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Knox United Church
Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Officiant: Rev. Ray Purdie

Organist: Gudrun Blackport

Eulogist: Joanne Schroeder

Tributes: James Hodges, Jennifer Santbergen

Musical Tribute: Led by Shelley Ewing & Tim Campbell

Honorary Pallbearers:

Family, friends and many of Irene's past students

Interment: Private Family

Lanigan Cemetery - Lanigan, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

Lanigan Knox United Church or charity of choice

Memorial Luncheon and Reception

Lanigan Recreation Complex Town Hall

2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Special musical presentation - Hot Club of Saskatoon
featuring: Shelley Ewing



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

- The Hodges Family

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Humboldt, Saskatchewan

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