

PRAYER SERVICE:

Friday, May 2, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church - Annaheim, Saskatchewan

Celebrant:

Fr. Rudolph Novecosky, OSB

Scripture Readers:

Rod Roenspies & Lynn Hoeber

FUNERAL MASS:

Saturday, May 3, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

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Celebrant:

Fr. Rudolph Novecosky, OSB

Crossbearer:

Clay Back

Scripture Readers:

Rod Roenspies & Lynn Hoeber

Intentions:

Lynn Hoeber

Giftbearers:

Shelly Back, Lisa Kornberger, Leland Dosch & Tanya Degerness

Honorary Pallbearers:

"All those who shared in Mary's life."

Active Pallbearers:

Brian Dosch
David Albers
Lionel Dosch

Billy Meyers
Russel Back
Lorne Schmidt

INTERMENT:

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery - Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

Alzheimer Society or St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery Fund

Memorial Luncheon:

(Immediately following Funeral Mass)
Annaheim Community Hall

Mary was born on December 2, 1925, to John and Kathrina "Katie" (nee Aschenbrenner) Sterner at home on their farm in the Annaheim district. She was the oldest in a family of 14, and also had a half-brother in the United States. Mary attained all her formal education at Leavenworth Rural School. At home, she was a big help to her mother and took over many of the household duties. Later on, Mary followed her dream of becoming a nurse and started her successful career in Elrose, SK, where she provided great compassionate devotion to all in her care. On June 29, 1964, she married Ben Roenspies at St. James R.C. Church. Mary embraced her role as a wife and homemaker. She was very good at cooking and baking, and canned innumerable jars of produce from the gardens she loved to plant, nurture and harvest, and the raspberries and blueberries she picked. Mary also had a passion for flowers and her yard was always filled with their beauty. Although Mary and Ben didn't have any children of their own, their nieces and nephews were showered with love and attention from them when through lots of babysitting and family visits. Mary spent many more enjoyable hours making rugs and quilts, and curling with her sister Margaret and others. As Mary and Ben's health began to fail, life started to get hard on the farm. They moved to St. Brieux and Mary's brother Mike helped out with jobs that needed to be done. After Mike passed away, Mary's sister Helen made arrangements for them to move into the Harry Ford Centre in Humboldt. It was a fast move, but a positive one. Mary and Ben really enjoyed it there and loved visiting with family and friends and going for coffee. After a few good years there, Mary became a resident at Quill Plains Centennial Lodge, and not long after, Ben joined her to reside there as well. "Bless her heart. We will miss her. Godchildren: Shelly, Cathy, Tanya, Liza and Lea."

Mary will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her husband of almost 50 years, Ben Roenspies of Quill Plains Centennial Lodge, Watson; four sisters: Margaret Albers and Agnes Schemenauer, both of Humboldt; Helen (Donald) Hueser of Pilger; and Annamarie Teiber of Lake Lenore; five brothers: Alois (Lydia) Sterner of Melfort; Adolph Sterner of Saskatoon; Alfred Sterner of Annaheim; George Sterner of Melfort; and David (Sue) Sterner of Whitehorse, YT; and by numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Kathrina (nee Aschenbrenner) Sterner; three brothers and one sister, Joe Sterner, John Sterner Jr., Mike Sterner, and Catherine Meyers; half-brother John (Mary) Sterner; brothers-in-law: Ed Teiber, Gilbert Albers, and Ted Schemenauer; sisters-in-law, Anne Sterner and Madalyn Sterner; and by her niece Lori Sterner.

In Loving Memory Of



A beautiful life came to an end

She died as she lived, everyone's friend

She was always loving, thoughtful and kind,

What a precious memory she leaves behind.

Treasure her God in your garden of rest,

For in our world, she was one of the best.



Mary Ann Roenspies

Quill Plains Centennial Lodge Watson, Saskatchewan

BORN:

December 2, 1925
Family Homestead
Annaheim District, Saskatchewan

DIED:

April 28, 2014
Quill Plains Centennial Lodge
Watson, Saskatchewan

AGE:
88 Years

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."