



**BLOCK,
Adeline
October 12, 1936 -
July 31, 2018**

Adeline Block of Humboldt, SK passed away on Tuesday, July 31, at the Humboldt District Hospital. She was 81 years of age.

Adeline Adelma Teske was born to Gottfried and Helen (nee Harmel) Teske on October 12, 1936 south of Esk, SK.

where her family farmed. Eight years later her sister Diane was born and Adeline became a big sister. Adeline received Christ as her personal Saviour at seven years of age when her Aunt Adelma Chattfield came to visit. Her faith in the Lord continued to grow over the years until the time of her death. Interestingly enough, music became such a big part of Adeline's life at a very young age. Adeline's father, Gottfried Teske loved music and played in the church band himself. In January 1943, he borrowed money to purchase a piano for Adeline at eight years of age. Gottfried went to Saskatoon to buy this piano and then had it shipped by train to Esk. Adeline remembers it was all of -30F the day he picked it up with the large open bob sleigh. He had several men with him because of the large snow drifts over the roads that might tip the sleigh and the heavy piano. That fall Adeline began piano lessons with Miss Vera Schopp and usually Vera Wildeman would travel with her. What a tremendous remembrance of her dad who died tragically in a car/train accident two years later. He likely never imagined what a gift this would be and how big music would be in Adeline's life. Adeline enjoyed playing that same piano right up until two years ago when she gave it to her daughter Connie. Adeline's mom got remarried to Adolph Winslow in 1948 (two years after her dad's death). Together Helen and Adolph had two more children, Marlene and Betty Lu. Adeline was so proud of all her sisters and loved them dearly and cherished her visits with them. As a teenager, Adeline met the love of her life, Walter Block and together they enjoyed playing in the church orchestra where Walter played the guitar and Adeline the mandolin or banjo which was about the time when their courtship days started. No surprise their home and lives would be filled with music until this day! Adeline married Walter Block on October 12, 1955. The ceremony was held in the Baptist church in Jansen, which was moved from Esk, and was still sitting on blocks, so it was necessary to have the reception and program in the north Jansen church, one-half mile from the Illinois school, which ended up being where their homestead would eventually be. When Walter and Adeline were first married they lived in a log and clay house, which had been moved there many years earlier by Walter's parents. Their home had no electricity or cistern for water. They ended up getting a phone one year later! They were able to use the radio when they bought a battery pack, which was usually before Christmas, and if used sparingly, lasted until March. In the summertime, they would drive their half ton truck near the door and listen to the radio that way. They lived in this home for four years. Walter and Adeline enjoyed singing together to pass the long winter evenings. Walter would accompany them on his guitar and on occasion, they sang in church. In August 1959 they purchased a quarter section from Wm Schindel, and moved in November. Walter and Adeline really thought they had it made now as they had a 1 1/2 sto-

rey home, with a windmill to pump the water for the cattle and a hip-roofed barn! They farmed together side by side and always had cattle, hogs, chickens and of course, a very large garden! The first thing they bought, even before they moved into their new home, was the largest deep freeze they could buy and that fall, Adeline put all the vegetables into their very own freezer! No more taking freezer items over to her mom's deep freeze. Walter and Adeline welcomed Donavon Grant as their first born on February 20, 1960 and then on October 21, 1962, Harlan Dallas was born. In 1964, Walter bought an accordion for Adeline and after some hours of practice, they were singing duets with their own accompaniment! Connie Lee completed their family when she was born on March 31, 1968. In December 1971, Walter and Adeline purchased the farm house from Walter's parents and now they too had running water! That winter Walter bought their first electric organ and Adeline has had many hours of enjoyment from it. Music has been such a big part of Walter and Adeline's family and together their family of five sang sacred music at various functions. Years later, Walter, Donavon, Harlan and Jack Robson (a wonderful family friend) joined together to form a men's quartet, affectionately called, "Jack and the Blocks". Adeline, of course accompanied beautifully on the piano as they sang the old Southern Gospel music in many places. Walter and Adeline have many cherished memories of friends stopping in and having company over many Sundays for a wonderful meal. Their legacy will certainly be one of faith in their God, hospitality to everyone who entered their home, and a love for music and using that talent for the Lord. In 2008 Walter and Adeline would have one of the biggest changes in their lives. A realtor knocked on their door and said he was there to purchase their land for BHP Billiton for the potash mine project. As a result they sold most of their land and relocated to Humboldt, SK. Looking back over the years, Walter and Adeline are amazed at how the Lord has blessed them and their family! God is good!

Adeline is survived by her loving husband Walter of 62 years; son Donavon (Pearl) Block and family, Whitney and her daughter Riley, Cody (Kim) and their children Emmett and Owen, Matthew (Jackie) and their children Ryder and Trigg; son Harlan (Heather) Block and family, Janelle (Stephen Martin) and their two sons Kaiden and Kyler, Chris and his daughter Sommer, Dryden (Stefani); daughter Connie (Steven Wiebe) and their son, Ryan. She is also survived by her three sisters, Diane (Earl) Lissel, Marlene (Kent) Lee and Betty Lu Winslow; sisters-in-law, Scarlett Block and Edna (Dallas) Langenberger.

Adeline was predeceased by her parents Gottfried and Helen (nee Harmel) Teske; stepdad Adolph Winslow; in-laws Adolph and Natalia Block; brothers-in-law, Craig Vickaryous and Gordon Block; and nephew Ricky Block.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Humboldt Bible Church, Humboldt, SK at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Sean Brandow. Others taking part were: Melba Durston, pianist; Chris Block and Dave and Marlene Pollock, special music; children and grandchildren, tributes; Donavon Block, eulogist. Active pallbearers were her grandsons: Chris Block, Cody Block, Dryden Block, Matthew Block, Ryan Wiebe, and Stephen Martin.

Interment followed at Esk South Cemetery, Esk, SK.

Memorial donations may be directed to The Gideons P.O. Box 3619 Guelph, ON N1H 7A2.

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