



**FUNK,
Maria**

May 21, 1914 - July 24, 2016

Maria Funk (Janzen), aged 102 years, passed away at Central Parkland Lodge, Lanigan on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

Maria was born May 21, 1914 in the Eigenheim District near Rosthern to Peter and Maria (Martens) Janzen. She received her education

there as well. In June 1932 Maria received instruction in the faith of Jesus Christ and was baptized by Rev. G.G. Epp. She married Peter P. Funk November 23, 1940 and they welcomed six daughters into their family. In the late 1940s the family moved from Rosthern to a farm east of Drake where Maria worked hard as a farmer's wife. Later, retired from farming, they moved to Drake where Maria took a job as a dietary aid at the Lanigan Union Hospital where she embraced the challenge of working outside the home - an unusual role for a woman of her age in that era. She developed lasting friendships. Maria was an active and dedicated member of North Star Mennonite Church teaching Sunday school, being a deacon and participating in the Goodwill Society. Her faith was central in her life. She will be remembered for her generosity and hospitality to her family and the community. When her health started to deteriorate, Maria moved to Pine View at Rosthern. It was a bit of a homecoming for Maria as she had spent her childhood in the area. A highlight of her time there was witnessing the relocation of the old Eigenheim church to the Youth Farm. Later she moved to Lanigan as she required more care. Maria received excellent care at all her residences and always expressed deep appreciation for the staff.

Maria is survived by her children: Beatrice (Henry) Bergen, Becky (Roy) Niessen, Hazel (Dean Poets) Bergen, Sandra (Gord) Wiebe, Kimberly Bergen; Kay (Walter) Klassen, Tim Klassen, Katharine (Paul) Funk, Philip (Villetta) Klassen, Janet (Ermin) Badzak; Norma (Wes) Epp, Steven Epp, Cindy (Brad) Summach, Doug (Treena) Lammers, David (Carla) Lammers, Debbie (Ryan) Tilk, Dennis (Lisa) Lammers; and Lucille (Russ) Friesen, Erica (Robin) Doucette, Craig (Matt Wiens) Friesen, Teresa Friesen. She is also survived by 27 great grandchildren and one great great grandson. Maria leaves to mourn three siblings: Katharine Neufeld, Helen Klassen, and Bill (Helen) Janzen and one brother-in-law, Herman Klassen.

She was predeceased by her parents, daughter Irene Funk (1975), husband Peter Funk (1993), son-in-law Ron Lammers (2002) and daughter Betty Lammers (2005). Also brothers Peter (Mary) Janzen and Jacob (Frieda) Janzen and sisters Sara (Wilmer) Epp, Margaret (Otto) Epp, Susie (Ed) Stobbe, Pauline Klassen and brothers-in-law Jake Neufeld and Edgar Klassen.

Funeral service was held at North Star Mennonite Church Drake, Sask. on July 29 officiated by Audrey Mierau Bechtel.

Pallbearers were Philip Klassen, Paul Funk, Robin Doucette, Brad Summach, David Lammers and Matthew Niessen. Teresa Friesen and Kimberly Bergen were guestbook attendants. Memorial attendants were Eleonora Schmidt and

Lynda Wolfe. Loraine and Wes Epp were ushers. Obituary was read by Cindy Summach. Katherine Funk gave the tribute. Scripture reader was Doug Lammers. Carol Brandt was pianist. Song leader was Craig Friesen with sound by Ivan Bartel.

Interment followed at Drake Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Mennonite Central Committee would be appreciated.

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