



RININSLAND,

Inge

It is with deep sadness but many happy memories that we announce that Mrs. Inge Rininsland, beloved mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend, passed away peacefully at West Park Crossing in Moose Jaw, Sask. on April 14, 2023.

Inge Zesch was born on October 2, 1927, to Rudolf and Rosemarie Zesch, in Berlin Germany, the oldest of four children. She spent her early years between her parents' home in Berlin, Germany, and her grandparents home in Leoben, Austria. In 1942 she and her family fled Berlin to Austria. She spent the rest of her teens and twenties there, finishing top level High School, surviving Russian Occupation by escaping into the Alps, and working as a secretary/interpreter for the British Armed Forces in Austria.

She met Heinrich (Henry) Rininsland and they were married in 1957. Four children arrived and Inge dedicated herself to raising her family. Henry's work as an engineer took them to several mines and towns in Germany, but she kept in touch with her Austrian roots by taking the children back there every summer to create many happy memories.

Because both Inge and Henry were completely fluent in English they were asked to help start and then manage the Lanigan potash mine in 1967. They packed up their four children and moved to Lanigan, Sask. with anticipation and enthusiasm.

Inge rapidly became "Canadianized" and loved her time in Lanigan. She loved exploring the new countryside with its lakes to swim in and she and her family had many exciting adventures.

Unfortunately, due to the Lanigan mine being sold to the Saskatchewan Government Inge and Henry had to make the difficult decision to move back to Germany in 1974. They moved to Heringen, a small town in Germany, where they spent the next 20 years. Inge became involved in local clubs, and had three Irish Setters that she very much doted on during these years. She encouraged her children as they finished their educations and became independent, and she joyfully welcomed the arrival of grandchildren.

Inge always wanted to come back to Canada and after Henry's retirement she and Henry immigrated to Moose Jaw in 1993. Thirty wonderful retirement years in Moose Jaw followed. She loved her dog, garden, collecting porcelain cups and spoons, reading German gossip magazines, travelling to Hawaii and back to Europe multiple times, keeping in touch with her children, and watching her grandchildren grow up. She had many grandmotherly sayings which gave down to earth advice, even if they were sometimes unconventional! In her last days she was quite proud of having outlived the Queen and bravely and cheerfully faced long-term care at West Park Crossing. The family in turn is very thankful that Inge did not succumb to dementia and that her mind was sharp and clear to her last day.

Inge was predeceased by husband Heinrich Rininsland.

She is survived by her daughters Frauke Rininsland (Bill Bruno), Gertrude (Manfred) Hennies, and sons Uwe (Petra) and Volker (Patricia) Rininsland, as well as grandchildren Andrea Bruno, Lars, Jens, and Erik Hennies, and Aendra and Vanessa (Neil Kalra) Rininsland.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Moose Jaw Humane Society in Inge's memory are gratefully appreciated.

A celebration of life is planned at a future time.