



**SCHMIDT,
Maria "Mary" Lillian
(nee Bartel)
Apr. 30, 1925 -
Jan. 12, 2021**

Mary Schmidt, aged 95 years, passed away at Central Parkland Lodge, Lanigan, Sask. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Maria Lillian (known as Mary Lillian) Schmidt was born April 30, 1925 on the

family farm near Drake, Sask. to Zacharias and Emma Bartel. At age 18 she was baptized at North Star Mennonite Church at Drake, Sask. where she remained a faithful and active member all her life. As a child and youth she taught herself to play piano. This was an ongoing joy to her as she played piano for church and many other groups and continued on until age 95. She loved to visit and created a lot of joy around her. For many years in retirement, she and Bill hosted a coffee hour daily at their home which was open to one and all. Her sense of hospitality and warmth continued all her life, with her love for family, friends, and kind acceptance of anyone whose path she crossed. She will be lovingly remembered for this legacy of openhearted love and her joy of life.

She is survived by her son Barry Schmidt, grandson Steven (Marie) and great-grandchildren Daniel, Allison and Matt of Watrous, Sask., sister Emma Bartel, brother-in-law Art Driediger and many nieces and nephews who were very dear to her.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Bill Schmidt (2003), parents Zacharias and Emma Bartel and stepmother Mary, brothers Herold (Lorena), Harvey (Linda), sisters Adeline (Bob Clardy), Elsie (Walden Neufeld), Luella (Menno Gerbrandt), Iris (Art Driediger), brother-in-law Orren Bartel (Emma), and by her nephew John Bartel.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a private family funeral service was held at North Star Mennonite Church, Drake, Sask. on January 21 conducted by Reverend Deacon Jack Robson.

Pallbearers were Shawn Wolfe, Shane Wolfe, Daniel Schmidt and Bryce Bartel. Emma Bartel and Margot Bartel read the remembrances. In the Rifting Rock was sung by Drake male choir with Mary Schmidt, accompanist. Special music was by Margot Bartel with Amy Harms, accompanist. Beryl Bartel-Racaru and John Racaru sang Amazing Grace. Sound was provided by Ivan Bartel.

Private family interment took place earlier at North Star Cemetery.

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