



**WACHS,  
Alma Alexandra**

Alma Alexandra Wachs (Rode) passed away peacefully, March 17, 2019, age 91, at her home in Chemainus, B.C., with family and caregiver at her side. Interment and graveside committal has taken place in Chemainus

Cemetery.

Alma is missed by her husband, Doug Wachs, three children, Alice, Kathy and Paul, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Alma was third youngest in the family of John Rode and Alexandra (Daelick). Albert, Theresa, Lydia, Otto, John and Anton (Tony) have gone before her and she is survived by her brother Art and sisters Edna and Eva. She is remembered by a large extended family and many friends.

Alma and Doug met as teenagers in Lanigan, Sask. They both found work in St. Catharines, Ont., where they married on Dec. 31, 1948 and raised their family. They retired back to Saskatchewan in 1993 and in 2017 moved to Chemainus, B.C., close to Kathy and her husband. Alzheimer's confined Alma in her later years but did not define her. Her faith in Jesus as her Saviour informed her life of service through church, her work as a telephone operator and in a restaurant in St. Catharines and in her support of her family. She participated in many activities at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Catharines. In retirement she continued her love of reading, especially her Bible, working on puzzles and had more time to sing with her sisters and play her organ. She was supportive of Doug's projects in farming, renovation and gardening (especially flowers) and as long as she was able, she enjoyed baking to serve the friends and family who loved to visit. She very much enjoyed if those visits included a card game with a rum and Coke. One great-nephew wrote, on her passing, "We can rest completely assured that Jesus has greeted her with the warmest of hugs and a big "Well done and welcome!"

A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date in St. Catharines.

Gifts in remembrance may be given to the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered online at [www.sandsduncan.ca](http://www.sandsduncan.ca)