

God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
He knew you were in suffering,
He knew you were in pain;
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



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Lovingly Remembered

Frances Slemko

March 9, 1922 — October 25, 2020

Frances Elizabeth Slemko (née Wadden), beloved wife of the late Steve Slemko, slipped gently into heaven, at the Sunny South Lodge in Coaldale, on Sunday, October 25, 2020, at the age of 98 years.

Frances was born in Lethbridge on March 9, 1922 to Leo & Helena Wadden. She attended school in Lethbridge and then headed to Normal school to become a teacher. Her first school was in Jenner, AB. Her next teaching job was in Hardieville. She spent seven years there and then took a job at St. Joseph's School in Lethbridge, now part of CCH.

She met a special fellow in November 1947 and married Steve Slemko on June 30, 1951. They moved to a farm northwest of Coaldale. Tough for a city girl; no running water, bathroom or electricity. Then the children arrived: Ken, Mary, Loretta and Rosanna. In 1963, Mom was asked to resume her teaching career at St. Joseph's in Coaldale and finally retired in 1976, although she substitute taught for several more years. Mom has always been strong in her Catholic faith. Last year, she received a 75-year pin from the Catholic Women's League. Faith has always been her strength and guided her through life.

Frances will be lovingly missed by her children: Ken Slemko (Kathryn Thompson) of Ottawa, ON, Mary (Walter) Coles of Coaldale, AB, Loretta (Kevin) Simmill of Coaldale, AB and Rosanna (Tom) Stevens of Medicine Hat, AB. She will be missed by her grandchildren: Sarah Slemko (Trevor Schellinck) of Halifax, NS, Kris Slemko of Ottawa, ON, Ken (Dana) Coles of Coaldale, AB, Angela (Nick) Hope of Lethbridge, AB, Mike Coles of Lethbridge, AB, Steven (Kathy) Simmill of Lethbridge, AB, Lisa (Jeff) Orton of Drumheller, AB, David (Brittany) Simmill of Sherwood Park, AB, Tom (Ashley) Funk of Medicine Hat, AB and Jim Funk of Medicine Hat, AB. She had 14 treasured great-grandchildren as well as brother-in-law Pete (Diana) Slemko, sister-in-law Jean Slemko, and many nieces, nephews and their families.

Frances was predeceased by her beloved husband, Steve Slemko; parents Leo & Helena Wadden; sisters Sister Mary Helene Wadden CSM, Stella (Ted) Weber and Theresa (Joe) Scales; brothers Charlie (Mary) Wadden and Ray Wadden; her in-laws Sam and Pearl Slemko, sisters-in-law Ann (Nick) Nastiuk and Mary Slemko; and brothers-in-law John (Ann) Slemko and Bill Slemko.

PRAYER SERVICE

St. Ambrose Catholic Church | 1513 - 23 Ave., Coaldale, AB
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Officiant - Fr. Ian Gagne

Musicians - Karin Barg and Angela Hope

Readings | First - Steven Simmill
Responsorial - *Psalm 23* sung by Angela Hope
Second - Tom Funk
Prayers of the Faithful - Dana, Alex and Carter Coles
Tributes to Frances - Ken Coles
Decade of the Rosary - Rosanna Stevens

Hymns | Processional - *Softly & Tenderly*
Meditational - *On This Day, O Beautiful Mother*
Recessional - *Prayer of St. Francis*

FUNERAL MASS

St. Ambrose Catholic Church | 1513 - 23 Ave., Coaldale, AB
Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Celebrant - Fr. Ian Gagne

Musicians - Karin Barg and Angela Hope

Readings | First - Mike Coles
Responsorial - *Psalm 23* sung by Angela Hope
Second - David Simmill
Prayers of the Faithful - Lisa and Jared Orton

Hymns | Processional - *Amazing Grace*
Communion - *Ave Maria*
Recessional - *I Am the Bread of Life*

Pallbearers | Ken Coles — Michael Coles — Steven Simmill
David Simmill — Thomas Funk — James Funk

Following the Funeral Service, Frances will be laid to rest
in the Coaldale Community Cemetery