



Mrs. **Tina Matthies**, of Coaldale, beloved wife of the late George Matthies, passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the age of 95 years, following a briefillness.

Tina was born in Fuerstenwerder, Ukraine on December 17, 1923. In 1926, she immigrated to Canada with her parents, Heinrich & Maria Goerzen, and six siblings. Her siblings have all predeceased her.

Mom's family settled on a farm northeast of Coaldale. Their family endured many hardships as new immigrants. After completing seventh grade, Mom went to work to help support the family.

She married her beloved husband, George, in 1945 and they farmed together until his passing in 1972. Together, they had five children: Margaret (Bill) Traber, Lynda (Ken) Rothe, David (Grace) Matthies, infant Laura (deceased) and George (Dorothy) Matthies.

Several years after Dad passed away, Mom moved to Coaldale to begin life on her own. The love of the farm never left her; she would often drive in the country or visit her son's farms, always keeping interested in crops and cattle. Mom went on to work for Barons-Eureka as a home helper. She traveled the roads of southern Alberta to visit clients—many of whom became lifelong friends.

Mom was an avid volunteer. She assisted at the Coaldale Hospital as well as at her church where she was a leader in Pioneer Girls. She was also on the pastoral care team and visited many homebound members. Mom had a great faith in God.

In 2016, Mom moved to Sunny South Lodge where she resided until her passing.

Mom loved her family, extended family and friends, and she enjoyed many visits with each one.

She is survived by her four children and treasured grandchildren: Mark (Cori) Traber, Michelle (Scott) McJoynt, Stuart (Kari) Traber, Clayton (Nadine) Rothe, Shauna (Dave), Rob (Caylee) Rothe, Rhea (Jarvis) Plesman, Cody (Megan) Matthies, Brent Matthies, Norah Faye (Ryan) Matthies and Jessica Vreeken. She is also survived by her precious great-grandchildren: Avery, Jake & Annie McJoynt; Cameron, Kaitlyn & Shaun Traber; Sydnee & Anna; Lily Rothe and Daxton Plesman, and step-great-grandchildren Dani, Erinn & Carter McRae.

We will miss you so much, Mom!

## INTERMENT

Prior to the service, Tina was peacefully laid to rest in the Coaldale Mennonite Cemetery

## Pallbearers

Mark Traber — Stuart Traber — Clayton Rothe Robert Rothe — Cody Matthies — Michelle McJoynt

Honourary Pallbearers
Shauna A. — Rhea Plesman — Norah Faye Matthies
Jessica Vreeken — Brent Matthies

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church 2114 - 18 Street | Coaldale, AB Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiant - Pastor Gary Burke

Quintet - 4ever Praise Music Group (Abe & Maggie Block, John Regier, Dora Climenhaga and Grace Matthies)

Order of Service

Processional

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer - Pastor Gary Burke
Congregational Hymn - How Great Thou Art
Eulogy & Tribute - George Matthies & Lynda Rothe
Music - This Little Light of Mine (arr. Neil Johnson) sung by 4ever Praise

Tributes by Tina's Grandchildren
Congregational Hymn - I'll Fly Away (Brumley)
Devotional Reflection - Pastor Gary Burke

Music - The Old Rugged Cross (arr. Gaither) sung by 4ever Praise Announcements, Benediction & Prayer - Pastor Gary Burke

## RECEPTION

Following the service, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments