

To know her is to love her  
Just to see her smile  
Makes our love worthwhile  
To know her is to love her  
And we always will



Clara, thank you for all the  
beautiful memories we shared  
together  
As well as your kindness, your  
thoughtfulness, and most of all  
your generosity  
You are now one of God's angels  
We love you today, tomorrow, and  
always

Norah Fleming-Strain

## A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something that no one can explain;  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.  
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand,  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.



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Lovingly Remembering

# Clara Strain

September 3, 1924 — October 20, 2022

CLARA STRAIN passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, October 20th, 2022 at the age of 98 years.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Sheila (Bruce) Webster, step-children, Maryllyn (Bernard) Miller, Lloyd (Alice) and Brian (Nora) Strain, son-in-law Roy Ernter and sisters, Judy Gordon and Liz Kaminski.

Along with her husbands, Joseph "Joe" Urban (1967) and Douglas "Doug" Strain (2013), Clara was predeceased by her parents, Nicholas and Helen Toth, daughter Marlene Ernter, son, Dwayne Urban, sisters, Margaret Torri, Erma Boisvert and Annie Neyhart and brothers Johnny, Sandy, Andy and Nick Toth.

Clara was born on September 3, 1924, the eldest of ten children. Her parents, who immigrated to Canada from Hungary, owned and operated a sugar beet farm in Commerce, AB, 2.5 km northwest of Diamond City.

Clara met and married Joseph Urban and together, raised their three children on their farm south of Taber. They eventually moved to Lethbridge and sadly, Joe later passed away from Cancer.

Clara was lucky to find love once again and married Douglas Strain, living on his farm near Foremost. In 2013 and after 44 years together, Doug passed away. She eventually moved back to Lethbridge where she remained until her passing.

In 1961, Clara started a beauty salon business in her home in Lethbridge and then continued to operate her business on the farm in Foremost for many years. In addition, she also cooked for the farm hands for several years.

She will be remembered for her Hungarian cuisine, especially cabbage rolls and poppyseed rolls, her needlework and love for dancing.

## Celebration of Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home  
2825 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB  
Friday, October 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Officiating - Pat Siedlecki  
Musician - Maryllyn Miller  
Soloist - Bernard Miller

## Order of Service

Processional: *Amazing Grace*  
Opening Poem  
Welcome  
Life Story  
Eulogy/Tribute by Cecile Poelzer  
Reflection Song: *How Great Thou Art*  
Prayer for Clara's Family  
Scripture Reading John 14: 1-6  
*Our Father* by Maryllyn and Bernard Miller  
Message of Hope  
Announcement  
Closing Words  
Recessional: *Helena Polka*

## Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day  
in the Cornerstone Reception Room

## Interment

Clara will be laid to rest in the Foremost Cemetery  
beside her beloved late husband Douglas Strain

## Pallbearers

Cameron Miller — Darren Miller — Vincent Miller  
Bonnie Pomonis — Leanne Hughson — Kim Schacher  
Laura Rumpel — Heather Strain — Lila Henderson