

EMILY MARY HENDERSON, beloved wife of the late John Paul Henderson of Lethbridge, passed away peacefully at the Edith Cavell Care Centre on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the age of 104 years.

Emily is survived by her children: Emily (Art Cave) Brookwell, John (Faye) Henderson, Dorothy (Ken Salter) Christensen, Mary (Paul Hynes) Henderson, Susan Barwise, as well as her grandchildren: Garth (Sue) Brookwell, Darryl (Lonnie) Brookwell, Scott Henderson, Shawn (Diane) Henderson, Melissa (Kevin) Bilinski, Adam (Trish) Henderson, Erik Henderson, Dylan Hynes, Jeremy Werschke and Nichole Barwise and her great grandchildren: Katrina Brookwell (Adam), Alanna Brookwell (Emile), LaRae (Ian) Lacey, Alisha and Jayden Henderson, Callum and Kendra Henderson, Brayden and Allie Bilinski, Ryden, Kort and Andy Henderson and her great-great grandchildren, Lucas Mathys, Ava Carney, Aria and Abby Lacey.

She was predeceased by her husband John, son Robert, second husband Jim Hallet, sons-in-law Gerry Brookwell and John Christensen and her grandson Terrence Werschke as well as all of her and John's parents and siblings.

Emily was born in Hardieville on March 2, 1915 to Fred and Rosalie Trehub. Her siblings were Rose (Bert Ainscough), Ann (Alec Waters) and Bill (Beth) Trehub; stepbrothers Joe (Jessie) Negly, Henry Negly, Frank (Marie) Abbott, and stepsister Mary (Everett Doran). Her family later moved to Coutts, where she met her husband John. They were married on March 12, 1940. In 1951, they settled in Lethbridge where they raised their family. Square Dancing was one of their favorite activities and they met many wonderful friends. She also enjoyed her weekly hair appointments where she was able to visit with Janice, her hairdresser. Emily volunteered for many years at Catholic Charities Clothes Bank where she walked to work in all seasons in order to help the needy.

Emily hated the fall because of all the work it brought her. Since she loved to have everything neat and tidy, as soon as a few leaves would fall she would be out there raking them up, as well as most leaves from her front street. Characteristic of Emily was her wit and determination. She got her driver's license in her 70's. She didn't go far (thank goodness) but she tried to be somewhat independent for a while. Emily had an adventurous spirit and even in her 90's, went camping and even trusted her grandson to take her for a short dirt bike ride. She was full of fun and wasn't afraid to tell it like it is (at least in her mind). At family gatherings her grandchildren had lots of chuckles over the many stories she told them (and perhaps maybe shouldn't have told them). Emily was a long time member of the Assumption C.W.L. She was a prayerful woman with a deep faith. She would often say "What haven't I done yet here on earth that God isn't taking me?" She doesn't have to worry anymore, because she has finally 'Gone Home'.

Emily will lovingly be remembered and deeply missed by all her family as well as many nieces and nephews.

# Forever In Our Hearts Emily Mary Henderson

March 2, 1915 - December 1, 2019



## Funeral Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church 2405 - 12 Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta Monday, December 9, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Celebrant Father Albert Sayson
Pianist Cheryl Hudak
Choir Resurrection Choir

## Readings

First Reader Isaiah 65:17-20

Isaiah 65:17-20 read by Callum Henderson

Psalm Psalm 2

Second Reader Romans 14:7-9, 10b - 12

read by Nichole Barwise

Gospel John 14:1-7

# **Musical Selections**

Processional Amazing Grace
Offertory Be Not Afraid
Communion Here I Am, Lord

Meditation Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Recessional Prayer of St. Francis

## Reception

Following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family in the Assumption Parish Hall

# Interment

Emily will be laid to rest beside her husband during a Private Graveside Service in Mountain View Cemetery

## **Pallbearers**

Garth Brookwell Darryl Brookwell Scott Henderson

Shawn Henderson Erik Henderson Kevin Bilinski