



With heavy hearts, the family of Ruth Barbara Orchard wishes to announce her passing. Ruth passed away at Fairmont Extendicare with her daughters at her side on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the age of 97.

Left with wonderful memories are her daughters, Elaine VandenBerg and Reta Ellice, daughter-in-law, Betty Orchard, eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth was predeceased by her husband Lawrence, son Dr. Ken Orchard, sons-in-law Jan VandenBerg and John Ellice, two sisters and four brothers.

As a farm wife most of her life, Ruth was a hard worker. Her days were spent driving school bus, growing a huge garden, tending to farm chores and raising three children. A game of cards was one form of relaxation for her and from that, she became the master crib player! Upon retirement and moving to Lethbridge in 1992, Ruth became a life member of the Nordbridge Seniors Centre, where she enjoyed the camaraderie and-of course-crib games.

She was a loving part of four generations who are left with fond memories of her sense of humour, quick wit and the warmth of her welcoming home.

The last hand has been dealt and the cards put away...

A Celebration of Ruth's Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home 2825 - 32 Street South, Lethbridge, AB Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiant - Pastor Harold Cooper

Order of Service Welcome & Introductions Prayer Scripture - 2 Timothy 4: 6-9 Music - Hallelujah by Lyndsay Butler Eulogy - Pastor Harold Cooper Tribute by Kevin Orchard When the Roll is Called Up Yonder Tribute Music Just a Closer Walk With Thee In the Garden Tribute by Louise Schmidt

Reflections - John 3: 16 Announcements Prayer

Reception

Following the service, family and friends are invited to further share this day at Country Kitchen Catering (1715 Mayor Magrath Drive South, directly below The Keg) for a time of fellowship and refreshments