

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile

Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day

Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay

And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best

by Mrs. Lyman Hancock



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Forever In Our Hearts



Anneliese Claassen

December 11, 1931 – September 25, 2023

ANNELIESE CLAASSEN

(née Thimm), beloved wife of the late Herbert Claassen, passed away peacefully at Edith Cavell Care Centre, on Monday, September 25, 2023 at the age of 91 years.

Anneliese is the beloved mother to Brigitte (Bill) Palmer, Helga (Bob) Hobbs, and John (Karri) Claassen; dear Oma to Sharla and Tracy (Jonas Scott) Palmer, Jim (Katrina) Hobbs, Candice (Dusty) Pearson, Curtis and Madison Claassen; and great-grandchildren: Gavin, Chloe and Kayden Hobbs. She is survived by her sister-in-law Anna Claassen; nieces: Ellen Ward and Anne Marie (John) Maegaard; nephew Carl Claassen and several nephews and nieces in Germany.

Besides her dear husband Herbert, Anneliese was predeceased by her parents Artur and Anna Thimm; her sisters Christel and Herta; brothers Ernst and Heinz; brothers-in-law: Hans, Heinz, Kurt and Paul; and sisters-in-law: Irmagard, Lilli and Annemarie.

She was born on December 11, 1931 in Krebsfelde, Gross Werder, West Prussia. In 1952, Anneliese, Herbert, and one-year old baby daughter, Brigitte, immigrated to Canada (supported by the church) arriving on April 22, 1952 in Coaldale, Alberta. She left her entire family back in Germany, including her parents Artur and Anna, sisters Christel, Herta and brother Heinz.

She was primarily a homemaker and loved tending to her flowers and garden. She was a magnificent baker of many delicacies, a wonderful cook who loved preparing delicious meals and kept a very tidy household. The family grew with the addition of Helga in 1956 and John in 1959. Anneliese also helped support the family outside of the home, working part time, and tending to farmers' fields of sugar beets. She loved staying busy and often spent quality time with family and friends. She had a love for animals as there was always a cat or rabbit or multiples of these in the house at any point in time.

The family moved to Lethbridge in 1973, where she continued with her passion for growing flowers, gardening and knitting. She had a phenomenal 'green thumb' and was often called upon to nurse her friends' plants back to health.

In 2006, she fell at home, breaking her hip, which dramatically restricted her daily activities for the remainder of her life. Following Herb's passing early in 2016, she moved into the Alberta Rose Lodge, which was her home, until finally taking up residence at the Edith Cavell Care Centre in 2021, where she peacefully passed with family by her side.

Thanks to the nurses and staff at the Alberta Rose Lodge, St. Michael's Health Centre - Palliative Care and Edith Cavell Care Centre for tending to mom's needs during her stay with you.

Funeral Service

Lethbridge Mennonite Church
4303 3rd Avenue South Lethbridge, Alberta
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiant — Ryan Dueck
Song Leader — Edgar Dueck
Pianist — Ruth Dueck
Soloist — Claire Dueck
Guitarist — La Verne Peters

Order of Service

Prelude
Opening Prayer & Welcome
Congregational Hymn: *VT 670 In the Bulb There is a Flower*
Obituary Read by John Claassen
Open Sharing
Song: *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3
Meditation by Pastor Ryan Dueck
Congregational Hymn: *VT 43 God Be the Love*
Announcements
Benediction
Postlude

Interment

Following the Funeral Service, Anneliese will be laid to rest in
Mountain View Cemetery
1210 Scenic Drive South Lethbridge, Alberta

Honorary Pallbearer

Sharla Palmer ~ Curtis Claassen

Reception

Following the Interment, family and friends are invited to further
share this day in the Lethbridge Mennonite Church Hall