

Gladys Marlene Oomen 1942 -2020

of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan passed away, in her home with her family by her side on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the age of 78. Gladys had a short courageous battle with pancreatic cancer after her diagnosis in April 2020. She leaves her children to cherish her memory. Her two sons **Murray** (Annette) Gruending and their children Celyn, and Dylan; **Darryl** (Vicki) Oomen and their sons Brody and Chase; her three daughters; **Janice** Romanuck, her children Adam, Heather, Susan; **Denise** (Ken) VanBesealere, her son Andrew Anderson and great granddaughter Gabriella Anderson; **Victoria** (Blair) Stenberg, their sons, Cole, Zachery, and Joel. Gladys was born in Rosthern, Saskatchewan on May 24, 1942 to George and Lena (Fredericks) Regier. The family moved to Saskatoon the following year. Gladys married her high school sweetheart, **Robert** John Gruending in 1961 in Nipawin, SK. They made their home in Thompson, Manitoba. After Robert's passing in 1969 Gladys moved her family back to Saskatoon. She married Louis Oomen November 21, 1971. They purchased a homestead in the RM of Pinto Creek 75 where they farmed and raised their family. Louis died suddenly Oct. 24, 1990. Gladys continued farming with her sons, Murray and Darryl until retiring in 2005 to Saskatoon. She graduated high school from Mount Royal Collegiate, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1960. Growing up she played baseball in the position of back-catcher. She also participated in swing dancing and won many competitions. Mom's life's work was her family, which included cooking, baking, gardening, sewing and guiding us through life's trials and ventures. It didn't matter what time you came to her home she loved whipping you up something to eat. She made many pies, cakes, cookies over the years for Fall suppers, the rink and her family. She faithfully brought full meals to the field for the men during seeding and harvest. We usually had a full hot breakfast of bacon, eggs and homemade bread before heading off to school or work. It truly was from farm to table wholesome cooking as most of our food was grown in the garden or raised on the farm (pigs, chickens, turkeys, cows). Growing up as teenagers she had a never ending supply of chicken wings for our midnight snacks. She loved her life on the farm, later after her children were grown she was employed as a cook for Foyer St. Joseph's Nursing home in Ponteix and as a cashier at the Hazenmore Coop. She volunteered with Ponteix and Gravelbourg RCMP victim services. After moving to Saskatoon she was a cashier for Pleasant Hill Bakery. As a senior member of Catholic Women's League of Canada she taught catechism, and filled in as a lay minister. She was active in Meyronne bowling league, curling bonspiels, and she hosted many nights of ladies card club playing Rummoli. She sewed many skating costumes and dance costumes; also found joy in sewing a blanket for any new baby in the community. Thank you to family, friends and neighbors who support Gladys and her children these past few months. Special thanks to the Saskatoon Home Care team especially, Gail, Minah, Sophia, and Sonny.

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I remember my mother's hands were rarely idle or still.

I was taught to wash and dress and care for myself.

Lessons of baking, canning and cooking on a grill.

*The rings on her fingers told the world that she was loved and cherished
By someone extra special.*

Twice proudly adorned and worn were her rings of marriage.

Those hands that held and caressed her husband and each of her babies.

Tender and firm they would tend to those who were sick.

If it was a sliver or cut she tended to real quick.

At the beginning, middle and end of the day.

Those hands held herself steady ...

She silently would fold her hands in a moment of prayer.

Making a sound, joyful and loud,

They clapped and cheered during times of celebration.

Saying to you, I feel so proud!

They stitched, knitted, mended and sewed.

Whatever was needed no task too big or too small

A challenge readily accepted even as those hands grew slow.

I always felt better by the touch of her hand and safer when I held her hand.

Still firm and strong.

Long, thin and grand.

Every crease and wrinkle magnified by life's wear and tear.

Her life's work is now seen in her hands.

It is her time to rest those hands into His loving care.

... The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. Deuteronomy 28:12



Forever In Our Hearts



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In Loving Memory of **Gladys Marlene Oomen**

Born

May 24, 1942
Rosthern, Saskatchewan

Passed Away

July 7, 2020
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
at the age of 78 years

Prayer Service

July 12, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral
Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan
Presided by Father Carlos Jimenez

Funeral Mass

July 13, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral
Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan

Celebrant - Father Carlos Jimenez

Cross Bearer - Adrian Krystal

Readers - Annette Gruending & Janice Romanuck

Music - Leanne Mann

Eulogists - Dylan Gruending and Cole Stenberg

Pallbearers

Dylan Gruending, Cole Stenberg, Zachery Stenberg
Joel Stenberg, Adam Romanuck, Steve Olasz

Interment

Meyronne Cemetery