In Loving Memory of Stella Bzdel

June 17, 1934 - December 18, 2023

Divine Liturgy

11:00 am on Saturday, December 30, 2023 St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wishart North, SK

Officiating
Father Jeffrey Stephaniuk

Palamar
Joe Petryshyn

Cantors
Daria & Natalia Stephaniuk

Cross Bearer
Beau Severson

Reader
Terry Greene

Murray Proznick Terry Greene

Eulogists

Grandchildren Stefanie, Steven, Cally, Brodie, Zachary

Alvin Kitzul Darcy Stefankiw Pallbearers
Gerald Mydan
Steven Stefankiw

Carl Flis Brodie Flis

Announcement

Please join the family for lunch following the Service at Wishart Centennial Hall

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Stella Bzdel on Monday, December 18, 2023, at the age of 89.

Stella was born on June 17, 1934, on the family homestead near Elfros to Anastasia and Harry Lysyk, the first of six children. She attended Royal Rock School. On June 14, 1952, Stella married the love of her life, Tom Bzdel. Their union spanned 56 years, during which they worked side by side on their farm, raising four daughters while creating an environment where family and friends were always welcome.

A devoted wife and mother, Stella had the ability to make you feel like you were the most important person in the room. A beautiful soul and classy woman in every respect. Stella was an excellent cook, baker and seamstress. She was an active member in the community and her church and she enjoyed going for coffee, playing three-spot and bowling.

She loved the outdoors and every aspect of farm life. She was greatly involved in seeding and harvest with her husband. In later years, she would still look forward to spring seeding and suppers in the field during harvest. She planted a big garden, maintained her large yard and was very proud of her abundance of beautiful flowers. Each spring she couldn't wait to start her plants in the greenhouse and looked forward to the long days of summer.

Stella's love for her daughters extended to her sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and families by creating unbreakable bonds that filled her heart with joy.

She will be remembered for her generosity, positive attitude, and kind heart. Stella's zest for life, sense of humour and quick-witted comments persisted even in the face of illness. She was always that "bag of surprises" everyone loved.

Stella's Legacy - Live, Laugh and Love!

Stella was predeceased by her parents, Anastasia and Harry Lysyk, husband Tom, daughter Beverly Bzdel-Kitzul, sister Eleanor Solohub, and brothers-in-law Mike Solohub and Gary MacLennan.

Left to carry on her legacy are her daughters: Janet (Gerald) Mydan, Lana (Carl) Flis, Marausia (Darcy) Stefankiw, and son-in-law Alvin Kitzul. Her grandchildren: Stefanie (Doug) McEwen, Steven (Melissa) Stefankiw, Cally (Devin) Severson, Brodie (Kaitlyn) Flis, Zachary Flis and Shawn Mydan. Her great-grandchildren: Austin, Gabrielle & Hannah McEwen, Beau & Demi Severson, Thomas, Conor & Cason Stefankiw. Her surviving siblings: Lorna (Ed) Greene, Orest Lysyk, Sylvia (Armand) Dorais, Sonya MacLennan, and their families.

May Stella Bzdel rest in eternal peace. Vichnaya Pamyat.

A Thousand Winds

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush.

Of quiet birds in circled flight, I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there. I did not die.



Acknowledgement

Our family thanks you all for your love & kindness during this sad time. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered ♥



