Doris Hilda Warke

JUNE 11, 2022



WARKE, Doris Hilda

March 22, 1927 - June 11, 2022

Doris was born in Bentley, Alberta and spent her childhood years on the Castleman family farm northwest of Bentley with her brother Donald, and her parents Sophie and Henry.

She attended 'Outlook School' for her early education, boarded in Lacombe for her high school years, and then attended Normal School at the University of Alberta in Edmonton where she earned her teaching certificate. One of her early teaching positions was at the Glenellen School southeast of Red Deer. She boarded with the Charles Warke family who just happened to have a very handsome son, John. As luck would have it, they fell in love, married, and raised a family of four children on the family farm.

In later years, Doris and John moved to an acreage overlooking Pine Lake. After John’s death, Doris moved to an independent living residence in Red Deer.

Doris loved her community of Glenellen, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and the Pine Lake area as well. She was active in many community organizations including the Pine Lake Women’s Institute, Glenellen Ladies’ Club, and as a Sunday school

teacher at Pine Lake. She was also a member of the Plus 40 group at the Pine Lake Hub, and spent a number of years on the board of the Westerner, volunteered at the Ellis Bird Farm Tea House… just to name a few. She was an avid and very creative crafter, quilter, sewing whiz, knitter, marvellous baker and cook, gardener,and overall a woman of many talents.

She spent many hours helping John on the farm in addition to running four very busy and active children to various clubs, events, and activities.

Doris enjoyed a very full and successful life with John, her family, and her friends. She is lovingly remembered by her children, Susan Cumby (Ed), Wendy Taylor (Nick), Lyle Warke (Shannon), Terry Warke (Paul Harris); 11 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Audrey Derksen, two nieces and three nephews, and their families, many good friends, and neighbours.

Doris was predeceased by her beloved soulmate, John; two grandsons, her parents, and other family members. She will be fondly remembered by those who loved her.

A drop in tribute to a life well lived will be held at Glenellen Community Centre on Sunday, July 24, 2022 from 2-5 pm.

At Doris's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glenellen Community Centre or the Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Pine Lake.

Messages of Condolence

Lorne Cole and are were sorry to hear of Doris' passing. She was very integral to this community and will be missed. Her involvement in the Glenellen School is part of our local history.
Lorne and I send condolences to her close and extended family.

— Suzanne Hawkes

So sorry for your loss. Doris was an amazing person. She was always so generous with her time and has taught me so much. She helped me make a quilt for Seth, babysat Erik and so much more. I love her deeply and will miss her so much

— Vanessa

Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a very strong woman. So many weekends were spent at the Warke home. I often remember the great meals prepared, especially the desserts! I did love her sheet cake! On school mornings eating our bowl of hot cereal and lining up to take our turn brushing our teeth in the back porch before heading out the door to meet the school bus.
So many memories around your family I will treasure always. Thanks Doris!

— Deb Newberry (Goldstrom)

So sorry about Doris. I loved spending time with her at Inglewood. We would always have a good laugh or two. Sending all my thoughts to you all

— Shelley Rodney

Our condolences from Bob Walton and family..

— Joyce Koteles

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