

HELEN JOYCE WILLMS



HELEN JOYCE WILLMS (nee FOWLER) It is with deep sadness we announce the sudden passing of Joy Willms on Thursday, July 30, 2009. Joy will be deeply missed by her beloved husband Victor, son Peter and Eleanor (Winnipeg), son Richard and Susan (Edmonton), daughter Jan and Tim Hawkins (Winnipeg), plus her beloved grandchildren Andrew and Carlee (Winnipeg) and Jaime and Lauren (Edmonton). Joy was born on October 26, 1929 at the old Grace Hospital. Growing up she attended Kelvin High School and United College where she both graduated and met her husband Vic of 55 years. Joy worked for five years at Vulcan Machinery before taking on her new job as a mother raising her family in Fort Garry, where she resided all her married life. In 1980 with her children all moved out, Joy started back to work, this time at the University of Manitoba Admissions office where she remained until retiring in 1997. Joy was a member of the Manitoba Pharmacists Women's Auxillary and was president of this organization for two years. For many years she was the Sunday School Superintendant at Fort Garry United Church. She spent eight years involved as a leader with the Cubs. Later in life Joy joined First Mennonite Church. Joy and Vic's enjoyments in life included their family, spending years camping at Westhawk Lake and cruising the world. Their travels allowed them to meet and maintain many friendships with people around the globe. Mom loved to entertain, and especially took pride in her old fashioned briquette barbequing abilities. A memorial service and celebration of Joy's life will take place at First Mennonite Church, 922 Notre Dame Avenue on Wednesday, August 5 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. At Joy's request, cremation has taken place and a private interment will follow at a later date. Flowers are gratefully declined. If friends so desire, donations may be made to a charity of choice. Thomson In the ParK 925-1120 Send expressions of sympathy to www.mem.com