

VERA BODO



VERA BODO Peacefully on November 19, 2014, with her dear son Edward at her side, Vera Bodo passed away at the age of 89 years. Vera was born in Novi Sad, Serbia, on November 18, 1925, the youngest child of Kaiga and Radivoje Kasanin. Her father was a world renowned mathematician and educator whose published writings set the standard in his field during his lifetime and for many years after his passing. Her early years were spent with her loving family which was at the center of the scientific community. Vera pursued her own advanced studies at the University of Belgrade where she successfully defended her master's thesis and achieved a Master's Degree in Biochemistry. In 1958 she married the love of her life, Ljudevit Bodo. Shortly after their marriage, they set out to establish their lives in Canada and settled initially in St. Norbert. Vera initially found work as a domestic with a prominent local family with whom she and Ljudevit became dear friends. Before long Vera became fluent in the English language and was able to commence her career in her chosen field. She enjoyed a long, productive career as a Biochemical Engineer in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Manitoba. She retired in 1995 in order to enjoy more time with her husband and son Edward. Vera delighted in travel and made a number of journeys to and through Europe. Her trips to Mexico with Edward provided her with many cherished memories. Vera's sparkling personality and her quick wit was well known to all who were close to her and of those there were many. She spent many happy times at the Winnipeg Canoe Club and Vera maintained many close friendships with friends from the Canoe Club days. She loved her Tuesday morning bridge club friends, her many friends in the Icelandic community and loved visiting poolside with many new friends that she made at her condo where she lived her last years. Vera had a way with words and a clear perspective on life. A chat with her would enlighten any day. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Ljudevit Bodo, her parents, her brother Milan and her sister Radmilla. As well as her nieces Susan and Judith and sister-in-law Dr. Elizabeth Hollo, Vera is survived by her only son and best friend Edward whose care and tireless efforts during the last months of her life provided Vera with great comfort. Edward will be forever grateful for the wonderful childhood and extraordinary life Vera gave him, and looks forward to their next lunch at the old Paddlewheel. At Vera's request, cremation has taken place. Donations may be made in Vera's name to the Winnipeg Humane Society, to the University of Manitoba to support Graduate Studies in Biochemistry or the charity of one's choice.