

ELINOR KARTZMARK



ELINOR MARY KARTZMARK May 16, 1926 March 12, 2014 Peacefully on March 12, 2014 at the Selkirk and District Hospital, Elinor passed away at the age of 87. She is survived by her son Richard (Penny) Kartzmark; grandchildren Kimberly, Kalee and Kyle; brother Robert (Betty) Kartzmark and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Mary and Martin Kartzmark; brothers Martin (Jerry) and Roy (Olga). Elinor was born in Selkirk MB. Mom lived her entire life at the corner of Donald Rd. and McPhillips Rd. in St. Andrews. Her early schooling at St. Andrews School was followed in 1943 to 1944 by a year of teaching on permit at Sunrise School in Mapleton. Her time spent at Mapleton was a highlight for her and was always fondly remembered. She was very proud of growing up in a rural setting that did not include running water or any modern conveniences that we take for granted today. Mom's parents left Winnipeg with the idea of becoming self-sufficient in 1922. They were successful market gardeners who took great pride in growing vegetables. This self-sufficiency was a quality that Mom developed in herself by way of obtaining her Doctorate of Chemistry from the University of Manitoba. Mom was very fortunate to be mentored by Dr. Campbell while at the University of Manitoba. She embarked on a long and distinguished career in the Chemistry Department at the University of Manitoba. To achieve a longstanding ambition Mom began a search for an adopted child in 1952. This flew in the face of officialdom for that period but was accomplished in 1955 when her son Richard was born. Travel was a big part of Mom's life. As a youngster she went on many family fishing trips to Lac du Bonnet. As time went on she travelled extensively through North America, South America and Europe. Mom always looked forward to many family visits and reunions. Family was very important to Mom. Photography was another passion in her life. Mom also enjoyed sewing and making things for her grandchildren. Mom was very generous to people and organizations who were important to her. She enjoyed the many friendships that she made with her Altrusa Club. Mom enjoyed the companionship of many cats and dogs through the years. Mom always expressed her extreme gratitude to her mother and father who provided a home at St. Andrews and early childhood nurturing for Richard. She was also grateful to her three brothers and their families and to many supportive friends. Supreme gratitude to Margaret and special appreciation to Elinoranne for being Mom's taxi and sounding board. To Richard, Penny, Kimberly, Kalee and Kyle. Thank you for much enjoyment and fulfillment. Thank you to the many people who supported and cared for Mom during the past year. The compassion of the staff at Beausejour, Selkirk and Grace Hospitals, Deer Lodge and Selkirk and District Home Care was greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel in Selkirk. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Winnipeg Humane Society or a charity

of one's choice. Gilbert Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.
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