

## HILDRED LENORE THOULD



HILDRED LENORE THOULD (nee SUTHERLAND) March 4, 1919 September 10, 2010 Hil passed away suddenly but peacefully and surrounded by family at the St. Boniface Hospital on September 10, 2010. She was 91 years old. Hil will be missed enormously by her daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl Norton (Gary), Leslie King (Dwayne), Michele Thould (Lex Turner) and her son, Jamie Thould as well as her grandchildren, Kim Simpson, Everett King, Gillian King and Mike Turner. Her sister Dorothy Young of Windsor, sister-in-law Peg Phillips of Toronto, brother-in-law Bert Craddock, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also mourn Hil's passing. Hil was pre-deceased by her husband, Henry James (Jim) Thould in 1966, her parents David Sutherland and Irene (McIntyre) Sutherland, her brother Mac, father-in-law Frank Thould and his wife, Kathleen, sisters-in-law Joan Manley, Ada Craddock and Barbara Smith, and brothers-in-law Joe Young, Ernie Manley, Gordon Phillips, and Jack Smith. Hil was born in Micksburg, Ontario and grew up on the family farm in Matheson, Ontario but her Ottawa Valley accent often had people asking where she had immigrated from! For the past 65+ years she lived in Winnipeg, caring for her children, plants, and assorted family pets. A remarkable and resilient woman, Hil worked hard inside and outside the home her entire life. As a teen she did laundry at the Matheson Hospital, then she worked as a bookkeeper, a teller at various banks in southern Ontario and Winnipeg, a landlady for boarding university students, a clerk at Red River Grocery, and finally she was the Executive Assistant to the Dean in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Manitoba where she worked for 25 years. She retired from that job when she was 69 and spent the next couple of years completing her BA in Anthropology. A lifelong learner, Hil insisted all her children and grandchildren also get a university education. Hil had many interests. She was a voracious reader, particularly British murder mysteries (though she'd cheat and read the ending before starting a novel). She also loved doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. Born with a hearing problem she wasn't a big fan of TV but she did get hooked on Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Oprah. In retirement, Hil researched the family tree and wrote a book about her early years growing up in northern Ontario. She checked her email at least twice a day for messages, pictures and jokes from family and friends. She was a very good cook, despite ribbing from the family about the smoke detector signaling dinner was ready! Mostly she liked to eat so she was quite content when Jim, and in later years Jamie, took over kitchen duties. Hil also loved to travel. In the 70s, 80s and 90s, she and friends toured many countries in Europe, Northern Africa, the Caribbean, South America, and various parts of the Canada and US. And, for the past 13 years she enjoyed our annual Girls' Holiday in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. A lifelong teetotaler, she was the DD for her three margarita-loving daughters. Last month she flew

east to inspect Cheryl and Gary's, as well as Kim's, new homes. In recent years she had slowed down a bit but continued to do chores in her house and garden, still took the bus downtown, drove her car to Reh-Fit for her workouts, and camped in her favourite seat at Timmy's in Grant Park to people-watch. Hil was a member of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church and then St. Paul's Anglican Church and never went to bed without saying her prayers. She was a very loving, tolerant and generous mother and grandmother whose parting words to us were BE GOOD TO YOURSELVES, EACH OTHER, AND ENJOY LIFE. Many thanks to the paramedics, the Chaplain and Cardiac Team at the St. Boniface General Hospital for their care and compassion. A memorial service to celebrate Hil's life will be held at Thomson In the Park Funeral Home, 1291 McGillivray Boulevard on Thursday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. Flowers are gratefully declined. Instead, if desired, please donate to your favourite charity. THOMSON IN THE PARK 925-1120 Condolences may be sent to [www.thomsoninthepark.com](http://www.thomsoninthepark.com)