

Andrie, Lydia

February 3, 2022



Lydia Andrie

It is with our greatest sadness we announce the passing of **Lydia Andrie**, on her 95th birthday, on Sunday, January 29th, 2022.

Lydia was born to Jacob and Elizabeth Ginther on their homestead farm in Mendham, Saskatchewan. She was the last surviving sibling of their 9 children. Lydia moved to Ormiston, SK to work, which is where she met her husband Dan. They were married in November of 1945 and soon moved to Moose Jaw, where she happily resided until her passing. Lydia became very close with all of Dan's siblings, their spouses and their families. While in Moose Jaw she worked at the Exchange Café, the Union Hospital, and finally the Palliser Regional Library until her retirement.

Lydia was a devoted member of the Moose Jaw Alliance Church from 1945 until her passing – always in the same spot in the same

pew, always with a purse full of tic-tacs, lifesavers, gum, or skittles, and always a voice in the foyer after the service. Many people will remember her in the Library at the Church, working every Sunday morning for so many years. At her 90th birthday celebration, Lydia was recognized for her service by a public presentation as well as a plaque being permanently placed in the library. Her dedication to this Church and to Christ was so steady and never once waived, and she was admired for this quality by everyone who knew her.

Lydia had many nieces and nephews she was so incredibly close to. We heard story after story (after story) of her experiences with them here, there and everywhere. The times she spent with all of them in person and on their phone conversations, with updates on everyone, were absolutely priceless to her.

Lydia was strong. She was funny. She was loud. She was determined. She was organized. She was dedicated. She was clean. She was personable. She was a great friend. She was clever. She was a tease. She was trustworthy. She was a great host. She was faithful. She was reliable. She was social. She was a good laugh. She led by example. She was never mad and never judgmental. She never said a bad word about anyone or anything. She never missed a game (much to some ump's and referees' dismay). She knew everybody and if she didn't, she would figure it out. Nobody met and didn't like Lydia. There will never ever be someone like her again, ever. She was unique.

She was predeceased by her parents and 9 siblings; husband, Daniel; son, Daniel Thomas; grandson-in-law, Ryan. Lydia will be forever missed by her sons, Allan (Dodie) and Wayne (Debbie); and daughter-in-law, Lorie (Rod) Heisler. Her impact on all of her grandchildren is something that cannot be put into words: Marcie (Tyler) Simpson, Davin (Manuela) Andrie, Daniel (Sarah) Andrie, Danae Andrie, Jillaine (Tim) Abramoff, Hannah (Josh) Heisler, Jacob Heisler, Stefanie Wihlidal and Kyle (Holly) Alexander. The generation to follow was just as lucky to get a chance to experience her uniqueness and loved the company of their great-grandma: Rhett Chute, Austin Smith, Mac Simpson, George Wihlidal, Addison Simpson, Rogan Chute, Rose Alexander, Clark Alexander, Grace Andrie, Jack Andrie and Stella Abramoff. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces,

great-nephews, and friends.

Due to the Covid-19 health situation, the Funeral Service to honour Lydia will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Lydia's name may be made to St. Joseph's Hospital/ Foyer d'Youville, Box 810, Gravelbourg, SK S0H 1X0. The staff there were so amazing to Lydia and all of the family that went in "two by two" to see her in her last days on earth. Thank you!

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Neil Glass on February 3, 2022 at 5:34 pm

Dear Allan and Wayne and families:

Great Aunt Lydia was indeed unique and a force of nature. I hope that all your wonderful memories will see you through this difficult time. I think heaven just got a little louder!

Love,
Neil, Lori and Mary

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2.



Bonnie and Claude on February 3, 2022 at 6:06 pm

The Andrie family,

I was saddened to hear of Lydia's passing. I had the pleasure of having some of the Andries during my time at

Palliser Heights. She was a wonderful, supportive parent.

What a very good obituary! You certainly described her in such a loving way.

May your happy memories sustain you during this difficult time.,

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3.



Howie and Wendy Verity Sylvan Lake, Ab. on February 3, 2022 at 8:57 pm

Our deepest sympathy. Lydia was a wonderful lady! She blessed everyone she met and what an honor to be blessed by her.

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4.



Swanee & Heather Gemmell on February 4, 2022 at 9:26 am

We were so sorry to hear of Lydia's passing. We'll miss having her as part of our MJAC family but will always remember her friendliness & kindness.

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5.



[Bob Currie](#) on February 4, 2022 at 11:27 am

Dear Al and Wayne and families,
We're sorry to learn of the death of your Mom. We didn't know her, but we do know that she raised some wonderful boys. Our sympathies are certainly with you all at this sad time.

–Bob & Gwen Currie

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6.



Dennis Grado on February 4, 2022 at 2:39 pm

Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mom Al. May her memories be a blessing for you and Dodie.

Pam and Dennis Grado

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7.



Roy Verity on February 5, 2022 at 9:58 pm

To Al & families,
We were saddened to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady & we will miss seeing & visiting with her. We extend our deepest sympathies at this difficult time.
Roy, Pat & Jennifer Verity

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8.



Laurie Mang on February 6, 2022 at 6:54 am

Al my old friend. So sorry to hear of your loss. Treasure all the great memories of love laughter and family. Condolences and prayers to you and your family
Laurie Mang

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9.



Gwen Rudeen Peterson on February 8, 2022 at 12:22 pm

Allan, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cherish the memories.

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10.



Colleen (Unger) Backlin on February 11, 2022 at 9:44 pm

Allan and Wayne and family,

Our deepest sympathy on your loss.

We have so many fond memories of your mom and cannot imagine a more welcoming person. As kids we always loved to visit... There was sure to be laughter and food!

Myron & Colleen Backlin

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