

Crosbie, Bernice Ella

October 2, 2023



Bernice Ella Crosbie

Bernice Ella Crosbie aged 90 years of Moose Jaw and formerly of the Caron District, SK, passed away on Friday, September 29th, 2023. Bernice was born in Willmar, SK on November 9th, 1932, the youngest daughter of John and Ella Ziehkle. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilfred; brothers, Ralph and Paul; and sisters: Alice, Louise, and Ruth. Bernice will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her children: Brenda (Gary) Dougherty, Wayne (Brenda), Blaine (Karla), and Neil (BJ); grandchildren: Jared (Nicole) Dougherty, Regan (Matthew) Bell, Carrie Morrison, Tara Morrison, Courtney Carter (Shea Evans), Shelby (Iain) MacDonald, Blake Crosbie, Graeme (Chloe) Crosbie, Ian (Nicole) Crosbie, Eric (Annissa) Crosbie, and Nadine Crosbie; great-grandchildren: Lochlan, Kalem, Joel, Caleb, Evelyn, Arthur, Wyatt, Lilly, Kade, Elle, Sawyer, Anna, and

Adeline; brother-in-law, Dave Crosbie; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bernice started her teaching career at the age of 16, then attended Normal School in Moose Jaw. She taught at Caron School where she met and married Wilf on July 17th, 1954. She took a hiatus in teaching to raise a young family, working alongside Wilf milking cows and driving grain truck. She furthered her education, getting her teaching degree by correspondence, and then taught in Moose Jaw in special education, and finished her career in Mortlach. Wilf and Bernice retired in Moose Jaw where Bernice followed her passion as a volunteer with Heritage Moose Jaw and the Moose Jaw Art Museum. She received the Moose Jaw Volunteer Award in 2006, as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. She was also a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion, both in the Caron and Moose Jaw branches.

Bernice was an avid reader, loved her garden, and enjoyed many trips to the US and abroad. Undoubtedly her greatest accomplishment was her family, who brought her much pride. Her great-grandchildren were a particular joy.

Bernice enjoyed the past six years at Points West (formerly The Caleb) and the family would like to thank the staff and residents who became part of her family. The family would also like to acknowledge the excellent care Bernice received during the last two weeks at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital and Providence Place.

The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home. Pastor Marvin Seaborg will officiate and a private family interment will take place in Caron Cemetery. **Those not able to attend may view the service virtually by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/.** As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, donations in Bernice's name may be made to the Moose Jaw Health Foundation, 55 Diefenbaker Drive, Moose Jaw, SK S6J 0C2. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Andrew Pratt, Funeral Director 306-693-4550



Sandi Hennenfent on October 2, 2023 at 3:24 pm

My condolences to all the family.

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Todd and Shelley (McElheran) Fornwald on October 3, 2023 at 6:52 am

Our sincere sympathy to the Crosbie family. She was a wonderful lady.

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Shirley Fourney on October 3, 2023 at 9:49 am

To the Crosbie family: I am sorry to read this today. During the ten years that I taught with Bernice in Mortlach School, I enjoyed her rock-solid friendship and never-wavering support. We worked many projects together: Division-wide annual Track Meets where we shared “the booth” tracking student progress; drama productions where I learned about the importance of well-applied make-up by following her direction; social occasions where your dad’s jovial good humour was a welcome addition; and day-to-day staffroom adventures (not always with ‘education’ in mind). Bernice was a great leader and a wonderful friend. In case I am not present as planned on the 10th,

please accept my condolences in your mother's passing.

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Terry Grajczyk on October 3, 2023 at 1:28 pm

Sympathy to the Crosbie families on the loss of your wonderful and accomplished mother. I recall she coached us in a highschool drama club, not an easy task but a memorable extracurricular activity thanks in part to her. May she rest in peace with your dad.

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Sandra Wendt on October 3, 2023 at 2:18 pm

Sorry to hear about the passing of Bernice.. She and Wilf were our neighbours. She would bring us raspberries from their yard.

They were great neighbours.

Cherish the memories.

Sandra and Paul

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Shirley Tillie on October 4, 2023 at 7:07 am

My deepest sympathy to the Crosbie families. Bernice was such a lovely lady. I will miss her in many ways.

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Rick and Bonnie Clubbe on October 4, 2023 at 7:15 am

Sending our deepest condolences to the Crosbie families.

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Bill and Lisa Lawson on October 7, 2023 at 12:49 pm

Deepest condolences to the Crosbie families. There are so many great memories of Mrs. Crosbie as a teacher, Legion activities and such a very nice person.

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Doug and Sherlyn Acton on October 10, 2023 at 5:10 pm

Sorry to all of Bernice's large family for their loss she was a great person with a large smile when every we would meet. Always there with support and wise advice.

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