# Dowling, Florence “Edith”

September 15, 2019



## Florence “Edith” Dowling

**Florence “Edith” Dowling** of Moose Jaw, SK passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 18th, 2019 just days away from her 92nd birthday.  Edith was an only child born to Frank and Ruth Koslosky on August 22nd, 1927 in Regina, SK.  Her family moved to Moose Jaw when she was 7 years old and she attended Ross School and Zion Academy.  She studied nursing at Providence Hospital, graduating in 1949. Edith worked on the maternity ward until her retirement in 1986.  Cliff and Edith were married Sept 6th, 1952 and together they welcomed 4 sons and 2 daughters. Edith’s pride and joy were her family. She worked hard and sacrificed so much for her children.  She never turned down the opportunity to spend time with her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  Each grandchild’s birth was special to Edith. They brought her much joy and love and she knew they loved her just as much.  Life was busy for Edith, but she made time to enjoy her flowers and gardening, travelling, family campouts, socializing with friends, and many nurses’ reunions. She was an active member of St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, as well as a member of the Catholic Women’s League (serving as

president for two terms). She enjoyed volunteering at the seniors' homes and delivering Meals on Wheels.  She was predeceased by her parents, Frank (1988) and Ruth (1992); her eldest son, Frank (1991); her husband, Cliff (1997). Edith is lovingly remembered by her sons: **Gordon** (Shelley Pilgrim) and their children Amber Finiak, Stephanie Strate (Justin) and Chad Pilgrim; **Dave** (Lauren) and their children Michaela Turner (Troy), Adam (Amanda), Brandon (Kelsi Gieni); **Paul** (Michelle) and their children Michael (Alisha), and Andrea; daughters, **Bonnie** Martyniuk (Terry) and their children Matthew, Evan and Steven; and **Audrey** Sheppard (Shane) and their children Erin Stevens (Mitch), Makenna, David and Ryan; as well as 8 great-grandchildren.  The family would like to thank the staff of Pioneers Lodge where Edith spent her last year of life. This includes the dietary staff that gave her special treats, the recreation staff for all the inclusion in activities, and the nursing staff who made her last days comfortable, especially Patti who made Mom feel so cared for.  Your kindness did not go unnoticed. Also, we thank all the physicians who have been involved in Edith's care over the years, especially Dr. Vermaak this past year for his compassionate care. A special thank you to her close friends Yvonne Johner and Clarice Oxley for their many years of friendship and for the care and compassion they showed Edith in her final days**.  The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, August 22nd, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home.**  Father George Thattuparampil will officiate and a private family interment will take place at Rosedale Cemetery. Flowers are gratefully declined.  As an expression of sympathy, donations in Edith's name may be made to the Pioneers Lodge Recreation Fund, 1000 Albert St, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 2Y2. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Todd Sjoberg, Funeral Director 306-693-4550.

1.



Alix and Pat Alix on August 19, 2019 at 7:35 pm

So sorry for your loss

Reply

2.



Brenda Dowling on August 20, 2019 at 9:19 am

Ron & I would like to send our sincere condolences to everyone. Edith was a sweet, kind and friendly woman. She always had a smile for us when we saw her at various functions or walking by her house. We know you will miss her.
Ron & Brenda Dowling

Reply



Bonnie Martyniuk on September 27, 2019 at 2:12 pm

Thanks for your kind words
Bonnie Martyniuk

Reply

3.



Darla and Lloyd Spicer on August 20, 2019 at 10:12 am

To the Dowling Family; We were sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. We send our deepest condolences to you.

Reply

4.



Glennys Holliday on August 20, 2019 at 1:18 pm

To Edith’s family…..I worked with your mom on maternity from 1972 to 80 at the Providence Hospital. Awesome friend and coworker. I have thought of her many times since I moved from MJ, but have not seen her in that time. You all will miss her, but must have wonderful memories to help as you grieve her loss.
RIP Edith…….Sincerely, Glennys Holliday

Reply

5.



Jim Hochban on August 20, 2019 at 2:24 pm

My sincere condolences to Edith’s family

Reply

6.



ANNE BOWES on August 20, 2019 at 4:25 pm

Condolences to all of the family…cherish your memories….

Reply

7.



Colleen Lawrence on August 20, 2019 at 5:29 pm

Bonnie and family so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother, she was a great lady!

Reply

8.



Roger and Marianne Stewart on August 20, 2019 at 7:57 pm

Our deepest sympathies to all the family on the loss of Edith, prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Reply

9.



Brenda Reilly on August 20, 2019 at 8:06 pm

Sincere condolences, Edith was a wonderful Lady in every way, Cherish all your wonderful memories , Sincerely, Brenda Reilly and Family

Reply

10.



Donna Watson on August 20, 2019 at 9:06 pm

To the Dowling family. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Please find comfort in the many stories and memories you share. Our thoughts are with you. Donba and Barry Watson

Reply

11.



Barb Gregory on August 21, 2019 at 4:20 pm

Bonnie Terry and boys;
May the peace of God surround you at this time. Your mother Bonnie was an amazing woman. My condolences to you and your family!

Reply

12.



Aiden O'Reilly on August 22, 2019 at 3:53 am

To the Dowling Family, my deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom. May you find comfort in the memories you share. May she rest in peace. Aiden O’Reilly

Reply

13.



Irene & Denis Auger on August 22, 2019 at 7:08 am

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Dowling family, Edith

was a beautiful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Reply

14.



Ellen Lyttle on August 22, 2019 at 8:30 am

Gord, Dave, Paul, Bonnie and Audrey, I am very sorry to hear about Edith’s passing. Your mom was a very special lady and always made us feel like family. It is her smile that I remember every time I think of her which never seemed to fade. I am grateful I was able to visit with her a few years ago and will forever cherish the memory along with all the great memories we shared over the span of many years. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.

Reply



Bonnie Martyniuk on September 27, 2019 at 2:11 pm

Just saw that there were messages sent to the funeral home website so sorry for the delay in replying to you Ellen. Mom shared many fond memories with your mom and family. I am so glad that you were able to join in on the long weekend reunion a few years ago and see mom. Lots of good memories. We miss her dearly but we know she had a long fulfilling life and was more than ready to go home. Please stay in touch with our family. Would love to keep connected.
Bonnie Martyniuk on behalf of all of us Dowling clan.
tbmarty@sasktel.net will reach me.

Reply

15.



Kami Elias on August 22, 2019 at 9:11 am

You are home Edith, Rest In Peace. Thank you for greatest friendship, support and kindness that you shared with my mother and family. My mother, Margaret, always knew she was so blessed to have you in her life. The memories I have of you and Cliff visiting and the laughter and humour will never be forgotten. The kindness you offered to all of us Lyttle kids, and to Elizabeth Russell will always be cherished. Hope the four of you are having some great times up there reliving the days past. Condolences to all of the Dowling clan. She was truly one of the greatest women I had the pleasure to know.

Reply

16.



Deb Stevens on August 22, 2019 at 11:28 am

To all of the Dowling Family, My Deepest Sympathies on the passing of Edith.Cherish all the memories of your mom.She was so kind and a .
caring person with a smile and twinkle in her eyes that would melt your heart.I was lucky enough to have her as a patient. On the day she was admitted she greeted me “you’re an old school nurse-we’ll get along just fine”. Bonnie,Michelle,Paul and Dave you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care of each other.I am sorry I can’t be there today,Deb Stevens

Reply



Bonnie Martyniuk on September 27, 2019 at 2:17 pm

Debbie- sorry for the delay in replying to your message as I didn't see all of the condolences sent to the funeral website. You were a very special person who mom connected with immediately when she moved into Pioneer Lodge. Thank you for treating mom with dignity, respect and friendship. You went beyond in keeping me up to date on her condition while I was away on vacation and I certainly had greater comfort in knowing you were watching out for her. Thanks again
Bonnie

Reply

17.



Wanda McRitchie on August 23, 2019 at 1:20 pm

So sorry for your loss, take care
Mike&Wanda McRitchie

Reply



Bonnie Martyniuk on September 27, 2019 at 2:20 pm

Mike and Wanda,
You too are grieving the loss of your mother and mom's friend. It was an amazing group of ladies who met many years ago as they all shared becoming widows at about

the same time. It was great for them to plan dinners, birthday parties and card nights together.
Take care as well.
Bonnie Martyniuk

Reply