Mackow, Josephine Kathrine

March 16, 2021



Josephine Kathrine Mackow

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Josephine Kathrine Mackow**, aged 85 years of Moose Jaw, SK on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital. Josephine was born to Anton and Katie Smuk on April 22nd, 1935. She was the youngest of eleven children, all whom have predeceased her: Mary, Betty, Pauline, Ella, Minnie, Helen, Stella, Peter, Johnny and Joey. Josephine leaves to mourn: her husband of 68 years, **Harry**; children: **Terry** (Janice), **Vern** (Bonnie), **Lorrie** Harris (Doug), and **Ken** (Michelle; grandchildren: Kara, Ryan, Kelli (Craig), Kurtis (Steph), Jared (Lori), Kyle (Julie), Jesse and Colton Harris, Briana (Ethan), and Carter (Mckenzie); and was Bubba to 18 great-grandchildren.

Josephine was brought up in the Ukrainian Catholic faith that she kept near and dear to her heart until her passing. She met Harry, the love of her life, following her sister’s wedding and they were married after a brief courtship. She was swept away

to the Mackow family farm located three miles west of the present homestead. They lived there with her in-laws (can you imagine) and this is where Terry and Vern were born. They moved on from the “tight” living arrangements to their own house east of the old 19 Highway. Conditions improved immensely for Josephine with the luxury of power, telephone and main road for the school bus. The family grew with the addition of Lorrie and Ken. Josephine and Harry built a new house at this site, a house she was very proud to call her home. A large garden kept her busy and supplied the family with canned goods for winter and many delicious meals, Borscht, cabbage rolls, and perogies, to name a few. She worked side by side with Harry helping with the farm work.

They both enjoyed camping and fishing with extended family, going on bus trips and the casino. She always told us that she only played the penny and nickel machines. Josephine and Harry retired and stayed on the farm until 2010 when they bought a condo in Moose Jaw, where they have lived until present.

Josephine was diagnosed with colon cancer in December 2020 and fought a silent battle that she was adamant she could do on her own.

A Private Family Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Moose Jaw, SK. Interment will take place at Thunder Creek St Peters and Paul Cemetery with Father Vasyl Tymishak officiating. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Josephine’s name may be made to STARS Air Ambulance, 2640 Airport Road, Regina, SK S4W 1A3. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Judy Forrest (Perry) on March 16, 2021 at 5:23 pm

I’m so sorry to hear the passing of Josephine, she was a amazing person. I remember spending so much time at the

farm when I was young, your mom was always such a nice, caring lady. She will be missed by many. Sending hugs.

Reply

2.



Brenda & Hugh Berry on March 16, 2021 at 5:45 pm

Our deepest sympathy to the All Mackow families on the loss of a very special lady. Cherish the great memories.

Reply

3.



Sheila and Brian Leahy on March 16, 2021 at 6:02 pm

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Josephine on her passing. May you cherish your happy memories you have of her. We hope you will find some comfort , strength, hope, and peace, in these happy memories. Take care.

Reply

4.



Ann Brown on March 16, 2021 at 6:18 pm

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother! I always enjoyed visiting with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you at

this sad time

Reply

5.



Sandra and Paul Wendt on March 16, 2021 at 6:51 pm

It so very difficult to lose a Mom. You were all her world!
Just remember all the good times and the find memories.
Hug Harry for us.
Live to all of you

Reply

6.



Sherry & Daryl Stauch on March 16, 2021 at 7:45 pm

Our Deepest sympathies to the Mackow family!
Sherry & Daryl Stauch

Reply

7.



Darrel and Candis Molde on March 17, 2021 at 7:19 am

So very sorry to hear . Always tough to lose a family member . Love and prayers to each and every one of you !

Darrel and Candis Molde

Reply

8.



Dan Tremblay on March 17, 2021 at 7:37 am

Sorry to hear about your mum’s passing. Our condolences to Terry, Vern, Ken and family.
Your friends,
Dan & Judi Tremblay

Reply

9.



Gary Lewchak on March 17, 2021 at 10:22 am

So very sorry to hear the pass of Josephine. Cassie Lewchak & Family send there condolences. Take Care.

Reply

10.



Bernie Travis & Family on March 17, 2021 at 10:53 am

Tender Hugs to all
May your hearts be filled with love, laughter & joy as you carry beautiful memories of your Mom,
Love to all

Reply

11.



Keith Weinbender on March 17, 2021 at 11:37 am

Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of the Mackow families during this sorrowful time. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Our most sincere condolences.
Keith & Lenora Weinbender and families.

Reply

12.



Bob Wills on March 17, 2021 at 12:52 pm

Vern, Bonnie and family:

Sorry to read of your loss. It’s never easy to loose a parent, especially during these odd times. Hopefully the comfort of family (and even those dreaded in-laws and warm memories will help ease your sorrows.

The Wills family

Reply

13.



Connie & Pierce Roberts on March 17, 2021 at 6:17 pm

Sorry for your loss Vern & Bonnie. May your memories give you comfort.

Reply

14.



James Mattus on March 17, 2021 at 7:24 pm

Strength to all of Josephine’s family and friends as you grieve her loss and cherish fond memories.

Reply

15.



Perri Thomas on March 17, 2021 at 7:50 pm

Dear loved ones of Josephine,
May the beautiful way in which she lived be a reminder of how blessed you are. Her joyous nature and her generous heart will be missed here, but she is now in a place where her wings will show.
Sending extra love and special hugs to Harry.
With respect and sympathy,
Perri (Scandrett) Thomas

Reply

16.



Wanda Hallborg on March 17, 2021 at 10:07 pm

I am so sorry, your mom was such a kind women and so very proud of her family. My thoughts are with you all.
Wanda Hallborg and family.

Reply

17.



Julianne Lewchak on March 18, 2021 at 9:59 am

Please accept our condolences on the passing of Josephine. Our thoughts and prayers are with all your family.

Reply

18.



Brian & Joanne Jahnke on March 18, 2021 at 12:44 pm

Sending condolences to the Mackow family at this difficult time.

Reply

19.



Sherry Hallborg on March 18, 2021 at 2:32 pm

Condolences to Harry, Terry, Janice and family, Vern, Bonnie and family, Lori, Doug and family, Ken, Michelle and family in the passing of such a gentle kind lady Josephine. Treasure your memories and hold them close as they will comfort you. Take care.

Reply

20.



Debbie Billay on March 20, 2021 at 2:48 pm

Mrs Mackow along with Mr Mackow are my Godparents. I did learn to call them Josephine and Harry; but, it felt so informal considering the respect I had for them. Over the years, even though enjoyable, visits became less frequent. However, they were often in my thoughts. I know that you will miss your wife, mom and grandma. I also know that you have many memories. A part of her is in each of you. May her angel wings surround you with comfort and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Debbie (nee Mattus) and Brian Billay and family

Reply

21.



Mel and Ferne Bradford on March 23, 2021 at 11:48 am

Our deepest sympathy to all of the Mackow families, she was a very nice lady and enjoyed visiting with her.fond memories all you will have !

Reply