

Nicholson, Joan Mavis

March 30, 2021



Joan Mavis Nicholson

Joan Mavis Nicholson, born in Central Butte, SK on August 17th, 1932 to Warren Fnevery "Sam" Cave and Kate (Wilkins) Cave, passed away on Friday, March 26th, 2021 in Herbert, Saskatchewan.

She was predeceased by her parents, Sam and Kit Cave; husband, Delwin "Shorty" Nicholson; siblings: Leonard (Flossie), Stanley "Buck" (Sylvia "Mick"), Betty (Jack), Daphne (Henry) and Donald "Pro" (Judy); daughter, Theresa Lynn; sons, Timothy John and Sheldon James; as well as special friend, Reid McCall.

Mavis is survived by her sons, Warren (Robyn) and Blair (Shannan McEwen); grandchildren: Cheryl Nicholson, Adria Austin (Bill Wilder), Colin (Angie) Nicholson, Bryce Nicholson, Glenn Nicholson, Sean Nicholson and Calvin Dustyhorn; great-grandchildren: Jordan Austin, Taylor Austin, Macy, Aubrey and Emery Nicholson; and one great-great grandchild on the way.

Mavis' early married years were spent in Bridgeford on the farm,

where she planted a large vegetable garden, helped with farm work and raised five children. In 1971 she and Shorty sold the farm in Bridgeford and moved to Victoria, BC where Shorty worked for BC Ferries. Sadly, Shorty passed in 1974 at the age of 47 years. So Mavis, ever the pragmatist, called her sister Daphne Johnson and said "Find a house for me in Central Butte, I'm coming home". She bought the house on Butte Street sight unseen on Daphne's word and lived there until 2017 when she moved into Golden Grove.

Tragedy struck in 1979 with the loss of her daughter Theresa in an automobile accident. Mavis bravely faced the future with three children still at home. She worked at both the IGA in Central Butte and at Regency Manor. She retired from Regency Manor in 1997. In her retirement, she loved bus trips and travelling with good friends Bob and Sandra Yonge, Irene, Elda, Gwen and Camilla. She lost her son Sheldon to an aneurysm in 2012, and son Tim to cancer in 2017. She was a strong woman and kept moving forward.

Mavis was the quiet strength and matriarch of the Nicholson family. Above all, she loved her family, friends and community. Central Butte was her home and she actively contributed and participated in all that the town had to offer. She was a curler, quilter, reader, card player, music lover, dancer and baker. She served on the library board, was United Church secretary, convener at the Legion in Central Butte and was involved in many fundraisers and events.

Due to restrictions regarding Covid-19, a Private Family Service will be held to honour Mavis. Friends and Family are invited to view the service virtually on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Mavis' name be made to either the Central Butte Seniors Centre, PO Box 509, Central Butte, SK S0H 0T0 or Iver Main Place, PO Box 550, Central Butte, SK. S0H 0T0. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. James Murdock, Funeral Director 306-693-4550



Jennifer and Colin Jensen on March 30, 2021 at 2:16 pm

Our heartfelt condolences to Mavis's family and friends.
She was a wonderful lady.

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2.



Bare & Sue Andres on March 30, 2021 at 3:53 pm

We are so very sorry to hear of Mavis' passing. I first met Mavis at the Manor, working together with her and then had the privilege of providing care for her, again at the Manor. She will be missed

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3.



Brian & Marie Cronk on March 30, 2021 at 4:04 pm

Our deepest condolences to Warren, Sheldon and families.
Mavis was a special gem to all who knew and loved her. She will be sadly missed by many and her infectious laugh will be fondly remembered. May she rest in peace.

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4.



Janet Collins on March 31, 2021 at 4:09 am

I always admired how Mavis, you were always such a strong person, and someone who I admired and looked up to. You were a really friendly and down to earth lady. Your inner light shined when you smiled. You loved your family, friends and your community so much.

Mavis, I am saddened to learn of your passing. You will be missed! God Speed! ♣

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5.



Garnet Russell on March 31, 2021 at 7:16 am

Sorry to hear of Aunt Mavis' passing. "Strong" is a very "weak" word to describe her character. Her ability to accept all the realities of life was beyond admirable. I send sincere sympathy to her family and friends...I know she will be missed.

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6.



Wendy Robb on March 31, 2021 at 8:06 am

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time. Mavis was such a sweet lady. She

endured so many hardships throughout her life but her determination to move forward was so inspiring. May God grant her eternal peace. She will be missed by so many .
Sincerely, Ed and Wendy Robb

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7.



Wanda on March 31, 2021 at 9:13 am

Take comfort in knowing Mavis is now reunited with Shorty, Theresa, Sheldon and Tim. Such strong women are few and far between. She will be missed by many. Speak of her often and keep the happy memories alive. From the Kings

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8.



Noreen and Keith Aitken on March 31, 2021 at 9:22 am

I am truly sorry to read about Mavis passing. I worked in the kitchen at the Manor with Mavis. She was a wonderful caring woman. She lost so many loved ones and still remained positive. A strong woman, indeed. Our condolences to her family.

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9.



David and Mary (Farrell) Stalker on March 31, 2021 at 2:49 pm

Our condolences to the family. I have wonderful memories of Mavis visiting Mom and Dad, her wonderful laugh and her great sense of humour. I am sure she will be missed but great memories will keep her near.

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10.



Ann Brown on April 1, 2021 at 10:19 am

My deepest sympathy to all the family. Mavis was a caring, loving person and fun to be with. I played many a card game with her at Henry and Daphne's and enjoyed many games of Rummoli with her and friends. Take comfort in knowing her health problems are gone now and she is once again reunited with her loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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11.



Mickey on April 1, 2021 at 4:44 pm

I am very sorry for your loss. Mavis was my mom's best friend when they both lived in Bridgeford, I often think of her tart shells that she would fill with a date filling. I'm not much of a date fan but I remember how much I loved those tarts. Funny the things a person remembers. She was a gem.

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12.



Carol Wilson on April 2, 2021 at 4:29 pm

So sorry for your loss. Mavis will be missed by so many.
Hugs and prayers to you all.

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13.



Barb & Kerry Olson on April 2, 2021 at 10:04 pm

Sincere condolences to the extended Nicholson Families

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14.



Joanne on April 6, 2021 at 9:05 am

Our condolences to you all. She was a great friend to all
and will be missed. Our thoughts are with you at this sad
time, she was so proud of all of you.

Joanne and Barry Berg

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15.



Leo and Marilyn Schachtel on April 7, 2021 at 10:54 am

Sending our sympathies and hugs to all the Nicholson family at the loss of such a strong, beautiful lady! We will always cherish our memories of Mavis's smiling face and infectious laughter from the years she worked and played with us at C.B. I.G.A./Fine Foods.

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16.



Ron & Joy Kurz on April 7, 2021 at 7:02 pm

Sincere Sympathy to all Mavis family !

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17.



Marilyn Krislock Pomeroy on April 9, 2021 at 5:12 pm

Mavis will be remembered and missed by many. She always was so welcoming and fun at the IGA, and she was a great neighbour. Our condolences to her family.

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