

Watkins, Margaret Ruby

June 17, 2023



MARGARET RUBY WATKINS

September 1st, 1929 to June 8th, 2023

Ruby Watkins, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend passed away at her home in Moose Jaw, SK on Thursday, June 8th, 2023.

Ruby was born in Vanguard, SK, daughter of Robert (Bob) and Esther Nelson and sister to Lyle Nelson. She attended elementary school in Esme and Hazenmore, SK. After moving to Aylesbury, SK with her family and attending high school, Ruby graduated from Business School in Moose Jaw and was employed as a legal secretary. She met her husband and life-long partner, Dave A. Watkins in Aylesbury and was married December 10th, 1949. Ruby and Dave raised their family of three children, David, Chereen, and Lenard and operated a successful farming

operation there. They retired together to their home in Moose Jaw in 1999.

Ruby was an energetic and involved partner in all that her and Dave took on. She was active in the community with Home Makers, Eastern Star, Church, and her families many activities. She loved music and played organ and piano at many church and community functions and family gatherings. Ruby and Dave enjoyed travelling to many parts of the world in their retirement. Together Ruby and Dave were always welcoming to neighbours, newcomers in the area, and friends of their children. Their door was always open.

Ruby was a well known and loved neighbour to everyone on Taylor Crescent in Moose Jaw over the 24 years she lived there. She enjoyed young people and helped celebrate birthdays, graduations, and weddings with the kids on her block. The Grade 1 class at Sunningdale School would come by on special days with their teacher to sing songs on her driveway, exchange gifts, and show their love for a very special lady.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bob and Esther Nelson; brother, Lyle Nelson; and her husband and life-long love, Dave Watkins. Ruby is survived and missed by her son, David (Lori) Watkins; daughter, Chereen (Denis) Delage; son, Lenard (Sharon) Watkins; granddaughters: Carly (Mike) Goodwin, Chantal Delage, Danielle Delage, Rhian Watkins, and Kaitlin (Cort) Daku; grandson, Kent Watkins; and great-grandchildren, Isobel Watkins and Alex Watkins.

We all remember a beautiful and gracious lady who encouraged everyone around her. We take comfort in knowing that hers was a life lived long and lived well to the benefit of all who knew her.

A family graveside service at Aylesbury, followed by a gathering in Moose Jaw of family, community, and friends, will be held at a time to be determined later this summer. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in her memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth – Intern Funeral Director
306-693-4550

1.



Dave & Frances Luther on June 17, 2023 at 7:09 am

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived .

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2.



caron fafard on June 17, 2023 at 9:04 am

I will miss my neighbor and friend. Ruby was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Rest in peace.

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3.



Darryl & Diane on June 18, 2023 at 3:08 pm

Ruby was the matriarch of our Crescent.

She was a remarkable lady who demonstrated how to live a full and happy life.

We will miss her.

Rest in peace.

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4.



Joyce E Padbury on June 19, 2023 at 7:13 pm

David, Chereen ,Lenard and families.

My Deepest Sympathy on hearing of your lovely mothers passing.

Her and I had many fun times and a lot of laughs together.

I will miss her, but have many good memories.

Love and Hugs.

Joyce Padbury

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5.



Russ & Sharon Watkins on June 19, 2023 at 9:42 pm

Such a wonderful lady & special Aunt! May memories heal your hearts in the days ahead. Sincere sympathy from our Family.

Russ & Sharon Watkins

Scott & Laura

Andrea & Darcy

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6.



Roland and Brenda Michel on June 20, 2023 at 10:04 am

Roland and Brenda. Such a sweet lady always had a smile for everyone of all ages .Ruby will be missed on Taylor

Crescent

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7.



Rob Wright on June 26, 2023 at 4:08 pm

So sorry to learn about Ruby's passing. She, along with her family, were wonderful neighbours on the farm. My mom and her were good friends for many years. I'll always remember her for her warming smile.

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8.



Nathalie Godden on March 16, 2024 at 7:27 pm

I was just thinking about Ruby tonight. Wandered if she still sat in her driveway and looked in on people from the crescent. She was so kind to all, and we were blessed to have her as next door neighbors, when we were posted in Moose Jaw for 5 years. She showed Brooke and Briana how to make bread, and would do these little loafs just for the girls. She'd come to our backyard asking us, if it was ok to take some rhubarb, only to turn around and make us an awesome desert.

I never worried if I was late from work, because I knew that Ruby would have a look and make sure Brooke got off the bus and made it home ok. I can't remember the exact time we called and chatted, a few years ago, but remember how Brooke cried after getting off the phone, she remembered how special Ruby made her feel. God bless her

and Dave. To David, Chereen, Leonard & family, may you find solace in the happy memories shared together. Your parents will always have a special place in our hearts.

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