

# OBITUARY



**SILVESTER:** Edna Georgina Silvester passed away peacefully at the Jubilee Home in Lloydminster two years ago on February 4, 2009 at the age of 95 years.

Edna has been missed by her daughter Patricia Skinner of Lloydminster, daughter-in-law Arlene (John) Stewart of Paynton; grandchildren Karen (Martin) Sondergaard, Bill (Pam) Silvester, Jeff (Kendra) Silvester, Warren (Donna) Silvester, Blair (Faith) Parker, Susan (Robin) Dobie, Norma (Glenn) Matheson, Jennifer (Greg) Southam, as well as great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Edna was predeceased by her parents, brothers Hugh and Harry, husband Leslie, adult son Clayton and two infant children William and Leslie.

The funeral service was conducted from St. John's Anglican Church on February 9 by Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse.

The hymns were "Crown Him With Many Crowns," "Fight the Good Fight" and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" accompanied by Irene Knowlson on the organ and lead by the church choir.

A vocal selection "Smile" was sung by Ron Long and accompanied by Patricia Skinner.

The honorary pallbearer was Jean Sloan, a kind and caring friend of Edna's for many years.

The active pallbearers were her eight grandchildren.

Edna also enjoyed and appreciated her friendship with Dr. Isaac Thomas, and whose professional association provided her with medical and compassionate care over many years.

McCaw Funeral Service administered

the funeral arrangements.

Canon Stonhouse delivered a most fitting homily that spoke of Edna's life, her dependence, strength and faithfulness in service to the Lord, and her unwavering convictions, beliefs, dedication and diligent work in many avenues of service.

Edna always said she had a happy and interesting life and was proud of her many accomplishments.

Like her mother, Edna's faith and church work began as a young person and was the main area of service throughout her life. She received a special commendation for 53 consecutive years in service to her Lord for holding continual leadership capacities of church life.

A passionate area of involvement was that of a tried and true Liberal (even if she stood alone). Edna held many political positions at the local, provincial and federal level which earned her an Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Liberal Association.

While Edna never believed in wasting her breath talking about the weather (because she couldn't do anything about it) she was always ready for a good political debate (which she thought she could do something about!) She served whenever and wherever she could in the political field and had little patience for people who did not exercise their right to vote.

Other areas of service included the Boy Scouts, Canadian Red Cross, Allied Arts Council, Ministerial Association, Jubilee Home Board, Library Board, Hospital Palliative Care/Ethics Board, Justice of the Peace, and most of all, her many interesting and satisfying years as a Marriage Commissioner. Edna performed well over 650 weddings and would check with the clergy from time to time to see "how they were doing!"

Edna was an avid reader and as a young child would read by candlelight well into the night much to the chagrin of her mother. Her

love of reading led her to accumulate a well rounded "library" of over 2000 books.

It has been two years since Edna's passing and it is good to look back, remember a life well lived and share fond memories. Time is the greater healer and to those who will be reading this, let us remember all those who have gone before us and left an imprint on our lives. If possible, let us not forget to do little acts of kindness, for this is what makes the human machine run smoothly.

The following poem was written by her daughter in memoriam. *The battle was short but the journey was long*

*So we'll celebrate life with scripture and song*

*No eulogy needed to span all the years*

*For our memories are private in thought and in tears.*

*It goes without saying in work and in play You acted like "Frank" and did it your way!*

*And no matter the subject whenever you could*

*Your opinion was stated and we knew where you stood.*

*From religion to politics, you never did tire*

*And reading a book was your greatest desire.*

*We're also aware of your many kind deeds*

*With a drive in the country when a friend was in need.*

*Despite all the upsets of sorrow and strife*

*You always maintained that you had a good life.*

*For when push came to shove you would say all the while*

*That life will be better with a laugh and a "Smile."*