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MARGARITA ALICE (SMITH) HENDSBEE

Our family is very sad to announce the death of our mother, Alice Hendsbee, who passed away at home, April 10, 2021, surrounded and lovingly cared for by her family.

Mom was 102 years of age when she passed away in Smithville where she was born on July 26, 1918. Born at her family home to Edward B. (Eddie Dave) Smith and Jane (Jennie) Johnston Smith, Mom and her husband Lloyd A. Hendsbee built a home on the Smith family farm they retired to when Dad left the Armed Forces.

She is survived by her sister Rachel Bernard, Toronto ON; sisters-in-law Mavis Smith, Vancouver BC and Madeleine Smith New Liskeard ON: children stepson Charles (Sandra), Hantsport, Ellison (Jeslyn), Halifax, Janet Goodwin, Smithville, Lloyd (Nanette), Igloolik, NU, and Paul (Gladys), Fort McMurray AB: grandchildren John, Donelda, Anna Marie, Garth, Clayton, Alexis, Logan and Jenna; 9 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her husband; parents; brothers Max, Harvey, Harold, Joseph and Richard; sisters-in-law Vi, Lila, Kathy, Bert Smith, Isabel Smith, and Carroll Smith; brothers-in-law Arnold Fanning and Alan Bernard; and son-in-law Gary Goodwin.

Upon leaving home at a young age she went to work at Maritime Tel and Tel in Halifax and during WWII she met and married our Dad. During their 50 years together, she followed him to various military postings in Calgary, Dartmouth, Wasaga Beach, Camp Borden, Soest, West Germany, and Camp Valcartier. Besides their many travels through Europe, British Isles, Scandinavia and throughout Canada during the postings, when they retired from farming their travels continued to Canary Islands, Morocco, Cuba, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

We know Mom to be kind, hardworking, enjoyed her years babysitting, and greatly cared for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Everyone stopping by would be treated to a cup of tea and something to eat but she was most happy if they stayed for a meal. She kept many friends throughout her lifetime and kept a very busy home to family, friends and neighbors when she could no longer travel. To keep in touch with the younger generation, she was in her 80's when she started to use the computer and used email as another communication aid along with her 'lifeline' the telephone. An avid bird watcher from the verandah and her living room windows until her sight declined, she began to listen to audio books. She walked almost every day up until September of 2020. Our home was filled with laughter and Mom playing the piano when she had time. A drive and an ice cream were her greatest treats and she rarely missed the evening news or a good political discussion. Family get togethers were frequent and her birthdays became a huge event when she turned 90. We have heard many friends say what an amazing woman she was. We certainly think so.

We would like to thank the many people who cared for Mom: Dr. Egar, Lori Ann, Melody, Paulette, Dr. Ritter and the many other health care staff who attended to her. Our Mom will be cared for by Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley, with burial and memorial service to take place at a future date due to current circumstances. No flowers please. Donations may be made to The Salvation Army, Palliative Care in Inverness or a charity of your choice. Online condolences:

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