

Nettie Sylvia Nelson

July 14, 1945–August 24, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE
2:00pm on Friday, August 29, 2025
Tompkins Funeral Home Chapel
Wadena, SK

Celebrant
Sommer MacLeod

Special Memories of Mom
Shari, Carla & Rhonda

Tribute to Gamma
Nettie's Grandchildren

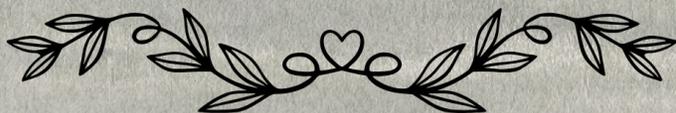
Honorary Pallbearers
Nettie's Grandchildren
Jordan, Allie, Logan, Brooke, Kade, Jackson & Lila

Memorial Donations

Donations in Nettie's memory can be made to:
Mozart SymPAWthy

Acknowledgement

Our family thanks you all for your love & kindness during this sad time. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered ♥



Nettie was born on July 14, 1945 to Alex and Mary (Tataryn) in Wadena, SK. She passed away suddenly on August 24, 2025.

Nettie met Terry in 1964 and they were married on July 27, 1968. They were blessed with three daughters Shari (Keith) Lindal, Carla (Wayne) Karakochuk, and Rhonda (Kevin) Bzdel. Grandchildren Jordan (Alyssa), Logan (Brooklyn) and Jackson Karakochuk, Allie and Lila Lindal, Brooke and Kade Bzdel. They also cared for two foster children, Grant and Scotty.

Nettie attended school in Kuroki, Yorkton, and Wadena. After graduating she worked odd jobs at The Bessborough Hotel and as a Nanny in Saskatoon. Nettie and Terry resided in Kelvington before making Elfros their permanent home. While raising her family Nettie worked at Crawfords, Department of Highways, and the Elfros Coop for 25 years. After retiring she continued to work casual at the Mozart Post Office, house cleaning, and the RM Office Janitor. She officially retired from the RM at the end of June 2025.

Nettie was active on many committees over the years. She was on the Figure Skating Club, Elfros Rink Board (fundraising for a new rink), and Village Council.

Nettie and Terry enjoyed 20 summers at their Fishing Lake lot. She enjoyed gardening -saying it was her "happy place", canning, cooking, baking, and an avid cup collector (approx. 125). She was a Rider fan and enjoyed many hours of watching curling. Nettie loved her daily coffee visits with her friends.

Nettie's greatest joy was being a Gamma (as her grandkids called her) to her seven grandchildren. She was a very proud grandma and never missed their activities.

Nettie was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Terry, father Alex, mother Mary, brother Ken, brother-in-law Don, father-in-law Bobbie, and mother-in-law Lila.

She is survived by her daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, sisters Connie Wagner and Judy (Roger) Bartel, and brother Dan (Trish) Schultz. As well as aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

The Garden She Left Behind
She moved through life with tireless grace,
A thousand tasks—yet found her place
Among the blooms she gently grew;
Each flower knew her touch was true.
The lilies lined the garden gate,
She pruned and planted, never late.
The roses bowed beneath her hand—
A queen who ruled her blooming land.
Petunias knew her whispered song;
The ivy trailed where she belonged.
Even weeds would wait their turn
To feel her fingers—soft and stern.
If we had known how brief her stay,
She who gave her breath away
To every child, to every seed—
We might have matched her loving speed.
We might have paused, or pulled her near,
To say the things she longed to hear.
To sit beside her garden bed,
And speak the words we left unsaid.
Now flowers bloom, but not the same—
They bear her touch, they speak her name.
And every breeze that stirs the pine
Whispers, "If only more time... more time."



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Forever in Our Hearts

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