

Mildred Harper

October 28, 1931 – October 10, 2023



Mildred Alice Harper (Nee McDonald) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the age of 91 years. She was predeceased by parents Walter and Jean; husband Rev. R.S. (Bud) Harper; son Neil; brother Bruce and sister-in-law Eleanor; and sister Isobel. Celebrating Mildred's life and mourning her loss are sons, John of Regina and Malcolm (Wendy) of Montreal; daughter Margaret of Victoria; grandchildren Hana and Lucas; great-grandchildren Hunter and Hailey; brothers, John (Maryalyce) McDonald and Barrie (Peggy) McDonald; cousin Winston (Sandy) Rogers; and many loving nieces, nephews, other extended family and dear friends.

Mildred grew up in Roland, Manitoba. She took her grade 12 and BA at United College (now U of W) in Winnipeg, earning the medal for highest standing, 5th year honours. Mildred studied history and economics, which, along with literature, were interests she carried throughout her life. During this time, Mildred formed deep, lifelong friendships.

In 1952, while at United College, Mildred met her husband, Bud. They were married in August 1954 in Roland. Bud's work took them to Fort William, Winnipeg, Fort Qu'Appelle, and finally to Regina where Mildred lived for the last fifty years of her life. John was born while they were in Fort William, Malcolm and Margaret in Winnipeg, and Neil in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Many happy summers were spent at the McDonald family cottage at Falcon Lake, Manitoba. Generations of Mildred's extended family have enjoyed the cottage to this day.

Mildred had a varied work life as an office administrator. Employers included an agricultural facility near Fort Qu'Appelle, the Regina Public Library, and the Provincial Government where she worked for Gordon McMurchie at the Saskatchewan Legislature. In 1982, she moved to the Department of Health where she stayed until her retirement in 1996.

Retirement gave Mildred an opportunity to expand two things that played a large role in her life: volunteer service to her community and her thirst for learning and understanding. Mildred was an active volunteer for Amnesty International Regina Chapter; she prepared presentations on elder abuse for the Regina RCMP recruits; served on the board of the Regina Community Health Clinic; prepared tax returns on behalf of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program; canvassed for the Kidney Foundation and the United Way; and delighted in reading books to elementary school children at St. Peter's.

Mildred obtained her Certificate in Administration from the University of Regina in 1984 while working full-time. She took classes through the Lifelong Learning Centre and was awarded a life membership. She studied a wide variety of topics, from physics to art, right up until the pandemic shut down classes.

Mildred was a member of Wesley United Church since the early 1990s. She appreciated its progressive theology, especially the Sunday morning study group with John Haas.

Loving and compassionate to the very end, Mildred will be deeply missed by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Wesley United Church, 3913 Hillsdale Street, Regina, SK on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** The service will be livestreamed.

Flowers gratefully declined. Those wishing to make a donation, in Mildred's memory, may donate to Amnesty International Regina Chapter (amnestyregina@hotmail.ca), towards suicide prevention via Canadian Mental Health Association - Sask Division, 2702 12th Avenue, Regina SK S4T 1J2 specifying "HLC", or a charity of your choice.

To view the livestream of the service and to leave an online message of condolence, please visit www.speersfuneralchapel.com.