



## Mrs. Antoinette Marie Lewis

March 3, 1925 - May 27, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Antoinette Marie Lewis of Calgary, AB, announce her passing on Tuesday May 27, 2025, at the age of 100 years. Toni is the first family member to reach this Centenarian milestone.

Toni grew up in Minton, SK and worked hard on the farm from a young age. She was the eldest of 10 children and loved spending time with her Grandmother that lived with them.

She was passionate about obtaining the best education possible in Minton and continued taking community college courses late in life. She moved to Regina and attended Sacred Heart Academy taking a Business course. Toni was employed by the Saskatchewan Government and later worked in Fort Worth, Texas for Mid Continent Supply before being transferred to Calgary, Alberta. She later worked at Stelco, up until her retirement.

Toni married Alfred Lewis in 1971, and they both enjoyed auctions and finding treasures while also donating time and items to various charities. They were active members of the Highwood Community Centre near their home. Toni and Alf also sponsored large family Christmas gatherings for many years. Alf's family was from England, so several trips were made to visit his family.

Toni, the "Nimble Thimble", was extremely creative and made quality sewing,

knitting, and craft items from almost anything. Her goods were coveted by local markets, schools, neighbours and family members alike. Her business selling “Creative Crafts and Classy Clothing” kept her busy year-round, and neighbours and family could always count on a new pair of slippers and oven mitts whenever needed. Toni also worked as a volunteer sewing instructor at James Fowler High School helping students with design, fashion and sewing.

Toni played many sports including badminton, ice skating, roller-skating, and enjoyed a variety of activities. She lived an active life taking good care of herself by doing regular exercises. She was a cancer survivor who didn't let it slow her down.

Toni was fiercely independent, and since Alf's passing, lived alone in her own home until her last few months. She loved her flowers and did her own gardening. She still made juice from her crabapple tree, did her own grocery shopping, and read 2 newspapers a day to not only stay current on news, but to follow the stock markets. Toni was exemplary in following the 3 R's of reduce, reuse and recycle and could find a purpose for anything. She led a simple life well-lived with faith and hard work.

She was predeceased by her husband of almost 44 years, Alfred Lewis; her mother and father, Anna (nee Blum) and Sigfried (Fred) Meyers; siblings Elizabeth (Louise) Martin, Frederick Meyers Jr, Alvin Meyers, Arthur Meyers, and 2 infant sisters; brothers-in-law Frank Martin, Barrie Christian, Ian Hutcheon, and Henri Larose; sister-in-law Karen Meyers, great niece Christy Meyers, great great niece Lily Martin.

Antoinette is survived by siblings Frieda Hutcheon, Lillian Christian, Richard (Dorothy) Meyers, Rosemarie (Peter) Walter, and Lorraine (David) McCutcheon, sister-in-law Dianne Meyers, 25 nieces and nephews; 48 great nieces and nephews; 34 great great nieces and nephews; as well as

numerous friends and neighbours.

Toni created the Meyers-Lewis Legacy Fund which will provide funds to help communities and services for many years to come. Her generosity will be felt by many.

A Celebration of Antoinette's Life will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church in High River, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the Calgary Foundation for the Meyers Lewis Legacy Fund. The following link can be used:

Meyers-Lewis Legacy Fund

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/125041>

or for gifts by cheque, make it TO: Calgary Foundation. Memo line: Meyers Lewis Legacy Fund.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church

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*Toni and Alf were our surrogate family. They “adopted” us soon after we moved in in 1986. There were frequently surprises for the kids on our front steps from the elf’s (alfs). Our children benefitted from early employment doing yard work and provision of old electronics to be dismantled and maybe reassembled. Slippers were greatly anticipated at Christmas for us and the grandchildren as the years passed. The Halloween shop has been a long standing tradition. October 31,2024 saw over 130 children line up to visit Toni’s shop. She was fiercely independent but always giving to us and to the community. Alf and Toni helped us teach our family what it means to be part of a community. I am forever grateful for the support we have received from both Mr and Mrs Lewis and the many conversations and commiserations that Toni and I shared. Family is always blood*

*Alanda and Dave*

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