



Mrs. Mary Winnifred Benson

June 18, 1917 - March 28, 2015

Mrs. Mary Benson of Nanton, Alberta passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 28, 2015 at the Silver Willow Lodge in Nanton at the age of 97 years. Mary is survived by her children Garry Benson of Moosehorn, Manitoba, Marilyn (Dave) Day of Calgary and Blaine (Theresa) Benson of Edmonton; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren as well as her sister-in-law Esther Waddell. Mary was predeceased by her husband Leonard in 1985.

Mary was born in the Muirhead area west of Nanton and her early schooling was in a one room school with high school being completed in Nanton. She met Leonard and they were married in April of 1940. Together they raised their 3 children in the Nanton area. Mary worked for many years as a reporter for the Nanton News as well as writing the "Heart of The Town" column right up until she was 95 years. Mary was a very active member of the Nanton/Parkland United Church along with the Nanton UCW. She was also a member of the Nanton Rebekah Lodge for many years serving numerous offices within the lodge. She moved into the Silver Willow Lodge when she was 85 where she was involved with all activities.

A Celebration of Mary's Life was held on Saturday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nanton/Parkland United Church (2121 21st Street, Nanton). To send condolences and view Mary's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . If desired memorial donations may be made to the Silver Willow Lodge (Box

40, Nanton, Ab, T0L 1R0). Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Cemetery Details

Nanton Cemetery

Range Road 282
Nanton, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton / Parkland United Church
2121 21 Street
Nanton, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall

BB

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Blaine Benson - March 31, 2015 at 08:16 PM

DP

Still missing Mary's kind, thoughtful smile.

Deb Prowse - October 21, 2021 at 11:28 PM

CL

“ *Mary was such a good friend to my Mom, Ruth Lyon. I have many fond memories of their times together, and pray those wonderful memories linger on in your hearts forever! She was a wonderful lady!*

Cheryl Lundberg



Cheryl Lundberg - March 30, 2015 at 07:36 PM

LF

“ *Les And Marie Frederick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Winnifred Benson*



Les and Marie Frederick - March 30, 2015 at 02:56 PM

KP

Mary was a wonderful women, and we always enjoyed our connection with her. We send our sympathies to all of the family

Kaye Phillips and Marianne MacLean

Kaye Phillips - April 02, 2015 at 09:45 AM

EM

I have such happy memories of Mary: her many contributions to the community, her constant interest in how and what all of us were doing and her wonderful columns in the Nanton News. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Elizabeth Marshall

Elizabeth Marshall - April 05, 2015 at 04:13 PM

EP

Mary was such a great lady. She was a good friend to my parents, Mary and Dwight Powell. Mary even traded rooms at the lodge so my folks could have rooms across from each other. She will be missed.

Evelyn Powell

Evelyn Powell - April 19, 2015 at 04:34 PM

AH

Aunt Mary, always ready for a trip West to the homestead, Muirhead and Braehead Schools, The Gap and Chain Lakes. She liked to tell of telephoning her older sister Marjorie in the evening who would always say "ohh, it's sister Mary..." They would usually, at the same time, both be rinsing out "unmentionables" in their bathroom sinks in their respective old age homes. They greatly enjoyed the shared conspiracy of knowing what they were doing was against their institutions' rules. Trips home will be greatly diminished by not having you to visit Aunt Mary. Allen Hughes

Allen Hughes - July 05, 2015 at 12:52 PM

DP

I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I consider myself very fortunate to have gotten to know her over the many years we had contact. I loved our chats and hearing about her experiences. My condolences to the family.

Deborah E. Prowse, QC

Deb Prowse - August 14, 2015 at 03:17 AM