



Mrs. Mary Lesser

May 8, 1921 - February 10, 2016

Mary Neumann Lesser passed away peacefully into the presence of our Lord Jesus on February 10, 2016, in her 95th year, surrounded by her loving family. Mary was born in the Ukraine in 1921 to Johann and Maria Neumann (nee Thiessen). As an early teen she took on the responsibilities of a parent to her four siblings. Her strong faith gave her strength and purpose through life's challenges. Mary truly was a follower of Jesus. Mary focused on the positives, not on the many losses in her life. She will be forever remembered for her service to others, wisdom, sense of humour, and love of family. In her later years, Mary remained young-at-heart. She enjoyed travelling, visiting, and thinking about and praying for her family. Mary was quick to accept change. She always made friends easily and enjoyed connecting with those friends, both old and new.

Mary and Alexander Lesser raised their family in Rosetown, SK. In retirement, they moved to Kelowna, BC. Mary's husband passed away in 1985. She is also pre-deceased by sisters Margaret Quiring and Alice Wiens, brother Jacob Neumann, brother-in-laws Jack Klassen and Jacob Quiring, and nephew Peter Quiring. Mary remained in Kelowna before moving to High River in 1997 to be closer to her daughter. Mary is lovingly remembered by her sons Henry (Lois) Lesser and Vic (Helen) Lesser, daughter Esther (Gary) Sawatzky, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, as well as, many close relatives and friends. Mary is survived by her sister Ann Klassen,

sister-in-law Mary Neumann, and brother-in-law Bernard (Ann) Wiens. She also made many new friends in High River at the Adult Day Support Program, Baptist Church, Friendship Centre, and Medicine Tree Manor. The family is appreciative of the excellent care she received as a resident of Long Term Care, High River Hospital.

Mary was laid to rest in Kelowna with her husband. A private family service will be held in celebration of Mary's life.

In memory of Mary, donations may be made to the High River Hospital Foundation (560 9th Ave SW High River, T1V 1B3), or to MCC global relief: <https://donate.mcccana.ca>

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

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Esther;*
Condolences to you. The loss of your mother is always difficult, but reflecting on happy memories of her may help in your sorrow.
Thinking of you, Pat Dunn

Pat Dunn - February 25, 2016 at 02:32 PM

JK

“ *May God comfort you as you mourn the loss of your mothers/grandmother! She was a dear lady who made us smile whenever we met her! Peter & Judy von Kampen*

Judy von Kampen - February 24, 2016 at 12:51 PM

GC

“ *Glenda And Gerry Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Lesser*



Glenda and Gerry Cutforth - February 19, 2016 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ *My condolences to you and your family. Mary was fortunate to have such a loving family. I remember your visits to second floor when I was there visiting my Mom. The thing I will probably remember most about Mary, was her great smile.*

Doug MacKenzie - February 13, 2016 at 09:05 AM

CB

“ So very sorry for your loss! Mary was a dear lady of deep faith with such a lovely smile. May the Lord comfort and console you. Love and prayers are with you. ~ Chaplain Virginia

Chaplain Virginia Battiste - February 11, 2016 at 09:00 PM

SH

“ Sandy Heavens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Lesser



Sandy Heavens - February 10, 2016 at 10:56 PM