



Mrs. Vera Irene May McCagherty

May 9, 1925 - December 20, 2024

Vera of High River, Alberta passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital on December 20, at the age of 99 years.

Vera was survived by her daughter Carol Penchuk, son-in-law Stan Penchuk, son Joseph McCagherty and granddaughter, Sasha Penchuk. She has many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, John (Jack) Ivan McCagherty, who passed away on July 9, 2007. She was the youngest of seven children, born in Edmonton, Alberta, to Alma and Joseph Walters.

Vera grew up in Beverly, Alberta (now part a of Edmonton). As a young woman, she worked at Swift's packing plant and Great Western Garment Co. (GWG). She married Jack on September 17, 1955, and they raised their family in Goldbar (a district of Edmonton). They were long-time members of Grace United Church. Vera loved sports. She played baseball and volleyball in her younger years and enjoyed bowling, curling, and golf throughout her adult life. Vera was an avid swimmer and swam 3 times a week until the age of 88. She was generous, loved her neighbours, and never missed an opportunity to socialize.

Vera deeply loved animals and always indulged Jack's habit of bringing home strays, such as birds, dogs, and cats over their almost 52 years of marriage.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Heaven Can Wait Animal

Rescue Foundation. (<https://www.heavencanwait/>)

A very special thank you to Dr. Kapusta and the amazing staff of Unit 200 of the High River Hospital, where she lived in long-term care for 7 years.

Vera will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

A Celebration of Vera's Life will be held at the High River United Church on May 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy to Vera's family. What a delight she was, we had so much fun with Vera when she was a model for the Foundation's promotional material and she thought she was pretty lucky to be doing with Darrin. How lucky to be care for a loved so dearly by her family.* ”

Cathy Couey - January 03, 2025 at 04:45 PM



Thanks so much Cathy ❤️

Carol Penchuk - January 06, 2025 at 01:46 PM

GL

“ *Grace L lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vera Irene May McCagherty* ”



Grace L - December 31, 2024 at 04:45 PM



Carol Penchuk - January 03, 2025 at 11:03 AM

DB

“ Carol and family,
My condolences on the passing of your Mom.
I always enjoyed seeing her and you when I
was at the long term care unit visiting my
mother in law Joan. My thoughts are with you.
Donna Burn



D. Burn - December 29, 2024 at 10:31 AM



Thank you so much Donna❤️

Carol Penchuk - December 30, 2024 at 02:29 PM

BM

“ Carol, Stan and Sasha,
Sending you love ❤️ and hugs🤗 at this sad time.
Brenda, Graham and Paige

Brenda McCredie - December 28, 2024 at 08:05 PM



Thanks so much❤️

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 09:43 PM

KS

“ Carol, Stan, Sasha and Joe. You know how much I loved your mom.
She will be so missed and in our hearts forever. The gang in heaven
are having lots of laughs now that she's there with them all. Much
love. Karen

Karen Smith - December 27, 2024 at 10:12 PM



Thank you Karen. ❤️
-Carol

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 10:50 AM

SG

“ *Carol, Stan and Sasha, so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What a blessing that she lived such a long and vibrant life. May your cherished memories guide you through this difficult time. Sending hugs and prayers!*

Susan Graham - December 27, 2024 at 09:17 PM



Thank you Susan. ❤️
-Carol

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RB

“ *Carol, Stan & Sasha,*

I was so sorry to hear of Vera's passing. She will be missed at the hospital by all her friends & staff. She was a wonderful lady. Treasure your memories.

Rhonda at the Foundation office.

Rhonda Bews - December 27, 2024 at 08:24 PM



Thank you Rhonda. ❤️
-Carol

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ *Carol, Stan and Sasha*
So sorry to hear of Vera's passing. She was so lovely and Mom enjoyed being her roommate for the time she was there. May your memories surround you and bring you comfort in the sad times. Love and light to all from Beth and Brittany

Beth Mccool - December 27, 2024 at 01:41 PM



Thank you Beth. ❤️
-Carol

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CJ

“ *Thinking of the family today and every day. Vera was a love and will be missed, but imagine 99 years of life. What she has seen!! So many memories to draw upon now. Blessings to Carol, Stan, Sasha and Vera's son in New York City.*

Connie Lorraine Jewell - December 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM



Thank you Connie. ❤️
-Carol

Carol Penchuk - December 28, 2024 at 10:48 AM

LK

Carol, Stan, Sasha and Joe, I am sending you much love as you say goodbye to your dear Mom, Vera. We have so many fun memories from when 'the ladies' were together at Seasons (called Sunrise at that time). She has been blessed with a most loving daughter and family.

Lyn Klamph - January 04, 2025 at 09:41 AM