



REMEMBERING
Katherine Goerzen (Kay)

February 26, 1923 - April 27, 2023



On Thursday, April 27th, 2023, Katherine "Kay" Goerzen, age 100, of Abbotsford, BC, went to

be with her Lord and Saviour. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Rudy Goerzen

on May 29, 2012. She leaves to mourn her passing one son Ric (Helen); two daughters; Carolyn

(Bruno) Braun and Rosalea (Don) Minosky; seven grandchildren: Brian (Paige) Goerzen, Jodi

Goerzen, Chad Braun, Cameron (Jess) Braun, Joel Braun, Jesse (Janine) Minosky and Luke

(Lucy) Minosky; three great grandchildren: Levi Minosky, Ellie Rose Minosky, and Leo

Minosky, as well as two sisters: Margret Dyck, and Hilda (Cornelius) Wiebe, and five sisters in-

law: Anne Dyck, Helen Braun, Doreen Braun, Delores Goerzen and Helen Ann Goerzen, along

with numerous nieces and nephews.

Kay was born in Arkadak, South Russia, (now Ukraine) on February 26, 1923. She immigrated

to Manitoba in 1925 with her parents, Helena and Johann Braun. She lived and went to school in

Schoenwiese and Rosenort (now Rosetown) in southern Manitoba. At age 14, she

accepted Jesus

as her Lord and Saviour and, upon confession of her faith, she was baptized into the Blumenorter

Mennonite Church in Rosenort, Manitoba.

After living and working in Winnipeg, as well as taking high school courses, she met and

married Rudy Goerzen of Starbuck, Manitoba on May 31 st , 1947. They bought and settled on a

320 acre farm southwest of Starbuck. She became a pastor's wife when Rudy received a call to

serve as a minister in the Springstein Mennonite Church. During the next 18 years she supported

her husband on the farm, as well serving as a pastor's wife. During this time she also kept busy

raising her young family of three.

In July of 1966, they left farming and moved to Aldergrove, BC, where Rudy accepted the

position of pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church. Kay again embraced her role of serving the

church in various capacities. After nine years, they moved to Surrey, BC to serve at Cedar Hills

Mennonite Church in the same capacity until their retirement in 1982. In 1992, they sold their

house in Surrey and moved into a condo (it had to have a pool) in Abbotsford.

Kay was always a pleasure to be around. She loved to entertain, and over the years hosted many

visitors, especially those from Manitoba, Her passions were swimming and walking, especially

during her retirement years, as well as going on many trips throughout North America, and

Europe, often travelling with family or friends.

Kay was always smiling and her infectious personality made it a pleasure to be around her.

Kay's strong faith and belief in Jesus Christ as her Saviour, made her a prayer warrior for her

family, and anyone else she came in contact with. She will be missed. We love you, Mom,

Grandma, and Great grandma.

The funeral service for Kay Goerzen will be held Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. at

Langley

Mennonite Fellowship, 20997 40 th Ave, Langley, BC, with Pastor Ian Funk officiating. A private

burial will be held prior to the Service. A heartfelt thank you is extended to all the care staff at

Fraser Health and Menno Hospital for the compassionate and loving care that they provided in

Terrace West during the Covid years, and in Menno Hospital in her last months and days.

