



JONES - Marilyn Elaine (nee Johnson) Jones was born on June 29, 1941 in Wadena, the eldest daughter of Vincent and Ethel (nee Elliott) Johnson. She attended Wadena Public School. Growing up, Marilyn attended Wadena Baptist Church and was involved in young peoples, singing in the choir and attended Bible Camp. It was at camp that she knelt at the front bench of the chapel and asked Jesus to come into her heart and life. In a memoir about her camp days she wrote, "He became real to me and is still real in my life as I serve Him. God is so good!" She was baptized on April 17, 1960 in Wadena. One Sunday, as she was singing in the church choir, Marilyn caught Eric's attention. Eric looked her in the eye and then said to his brother, Kenny, "I am going to marry that girl someday." Marilyn soon became the love of his life and they were married in Wadena on August 29, 1959. Two sons were born, Linus and Dale. Soon after came Crystal who lived only 6 months. David

was born next and then the Lord gifted them with Adrienne, a daughter who shared the same birthdate as Crystal. Throughout their married life, they lived in Invermay, Jedburgh, Willowbrook, and Springside; she was active in each community. Marilyn was an optimum housewife; by taking great pride in a clean home, yard, garden and with a special spot for every ornament. She always took great care of us, with abundance of food on the table, spoiling us by making sure our rooms were clean, even making our beds. She stood by Eric's side in every adventure; at the elevators helping in the office, tested grain, unloaded fertilizer bags from railcars. Also fed those who came to their home, for Wheat Pool committee meetings. Spending numerous hours looking for parts for old cars or antiques.... They were a team. She may not have had a job outside the home, but she used her God given talents and hard work to help the Jones household get by. A highlight in Marilyn's life was sewing. She learned how to sew from her mother Ethel, Aunty Edla, and her school teacher Mrs. Wallin. She mended and sewed numerous clothes for her own family as well as for people in the community; she was the go-to-seamstress and clothes mender. She had the capability of looking at a person and sewing an outfit without even having to measure. Later, she took an upholstery course and went on to reupholster their own furniture and the interiors of

all the antique vehicles that Eric had restored. In her earlier years, Marilyn enjoyed curling in the annual women's bonspiel and was involved in Willowbrook's Women's Willing Workers Club. She was always helping people, cooking at camp, involved with women's ministries, was a deaconess at her church and displayed passionate leadership at Pioneer Girls. As a couple, they enjoyed socializing with Harvey and Joan Spitzke whether it was playing Rook or helping milk the cows. The Sunday meal was very important to Marilyn and she always prepared a feast for the weekly family dinner. She was a talented baker, known especially for her cinnamon buns and cakes. Whoever entered her home never left hungry. Every August, the family did a camping trip out to visit the relatives. Mom even travelled internationally. Marilyn passed away on Sunday, March 27 at the age of 80 at the Yorkton and District Nursing Home. She is loved and remembered by her husband Eric of 62 years; her children, Linus (Kathy) Jones, Dale (Linda) Jones, David (Diane) Jones and Adrienne (Kelly) Popowich, her grandchildren; Skyler (Amanda) Jones and children Zoë and Violet, Kelsey (Karrie) Jones and children Miller and Ridley, Tyson Jones, Amie (James) Groening and children Jude, Lily, and Keziah, Andrew (Jennifer) Jones, Cassie Jones, Bryant Jones, Brody Popowich, and Alexis Popowich. She is also remembered by her sister Gladys (Roger) Nickolet and numerous nieces and nephews. Marilyn was predeceased by her daughter Crystal, her parents Vincent and Ethel, her in-laws Alfred and Hilda, brothers-in-law Ken, Albert, Merle and sisters-in-laws, Evelyn and Hilda. A funeral service was held on Sunday April 3, 2022 from the Springside Baptist Church with Pastor Richard Kauenhofen officiating. The pianist was Kitty Arndt and the organist was Jeanette Kriger with Marlon Milbrandt leading the congregation in the singing of the hymns, "Near to The Heart of God", "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", "We'll Understand Better By and By", "Beyond The Sunset", and "Blessed Assurance". Sarah Kriger was the reader of Marilyn's obituary with Linus Jones delivering a heartfelt eulogy and David Jones a tribute to his mother, Marilyn. Adrienne Popowich gave a tribute in song of her mother's favourite hymns with Dale Jones sharing the scripture lessons and Lily Groenig giving a musical tribute of "Amazing Grace" on her violin. The interment followed in the Springside Town Cemetery with Skylar Jones, Kelsey Jones, Cassie Jones, Tyson Jones, Bryant Jones, Amie Groenig, Brody Popowich, and Alexis Popowich serving as the pallbearers. Those so wishing to make a charitable contribution in memory of the Late Marilyn Jones may do so with a gift to the Good Spirit Bible Camp Building Fund as a token of remembrance. Kopan's Funeral Service is honoured to have been entrusted with funeral arrangements. 306-783-0099 www.kopans.ca

Matthew 25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant."