



**NYSTROM** - Joyce Nystrom (nee Wood) of the Yorkton & District Nursing Home beloved wife of the Late John Nystrom of Pelly passed away on Sunday August 2, 2020 at the age of 98 years. Joyce Alexandria was born on February 10, 1922 to John and Isabella Wood on the family farm north of Pelly in the Sunny Isle District. She had 3 older brothers and 2 older sisters. One other older brother, Robert had died of diphtheria in 1918. Before Joyce was 2 years old her own mother, Isabella died and our grandfather, John was left with six children under the age of 9 to raise. Soon after, he packed them up and they road the train to Ontario where family had offered to help raise the children. While in Ontario, John remarried and the family returned to Saskatchewan. Four more children were added to the family in the years that followed, two of whom died in infancy. After completing her grade 10, Joyce left home and spent time working for various families in the area as well as in Regina. In 1943,

she was united in Holy Matrimony to John Nystrom and they began farming in the Belleau Brook District north of Pelly. They spent their first few winters working in the “bush” at Campbell’s Mill. They lived on the farm until 1958 where Byron, Doug, Don, Ruth and Faye were added to the family. In 1958, they moved their family into Pelly. Miles was born shortly after with Carol completing the family in 1961. As the children grew up Joyce was active with minor sports and the skating club, working in the rink kitchen and sewing skating costumes. They continued to operate the farm until 1974 with mom making countless trips to the farm to work the summer fallow with the “D” John Deere or haul grain in the old white farm truck. Joyce had various other jobs over the years including working at a local restaurant, baby sitting, and house cleaning. After John retired, they spent many a summer’s day camping and fishing north of Pelly. Joyce was also an active member of the museum committee and the Happy Hearts Club. She filled many retirement hours playing scrabble, whist, shuffleboard and bingo. John passed away in 1998. In 2009, mom made a brave move by selling the house in Pelly and moving to Outlook to be near Carol’s family. She stayed in Outlook until 2016 when she moved into long term care in Norquay and to the Yorkton & District Nursing Home in May of 2019. Anyone who visited Joyce was treated to a warm welcome, coffee and stories of her family. She loved all her family dearly and was so proudly of all of them. Joyce’s family was her legacy. Joyce is predeceased by her husband John; her brothers, Robert, Gordon, Donald, Walter, George and Archie; her sisters, Joanna, Mary, Jeneva and Eva; two grandsons, Derry and Michael; and one daughter-in-law, Shirley. Joyce leaves to celebrate her life her children, Byron (Marlene), Doug, Don (Angela), Ruth (Dennis), Faye (Dennis), Miles (Lydia), and Carol (Greg); 17 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. A private graveside service will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Maloneck Cemetery, north of Pelly with Velda Dahlin serving as the Celebrant. Those so wishing to make a charitable memorial donation may do so with a gift to the Norquay Health Centre Auxiliary Box 119, Norquay, Saskatchewan S0A 2V0. Kopan’s Funeral Service Highway #9 North Yorkton, Sask. Is honoured to have been entrusted with arrangements. 306-783-0099 [www.kopans.ca](http://www.kopans.ca)