



**KASHUBA** - Mary Mildred Kashuba (nee Kwasny), a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister, was born on Saturday August 15, 1942, to Paul and Mary Kwasny (nee Matsalla). Raised on the family farm outside of Invermay, Saskatchewan, Mary attended Silver Springs School. Her positive outlook on life earned her the nickname "Happy Go Lucky." Some of her fondest memories of growing up included playing kick the can, her horse Nelly (whom she'd lovingly describe as being able to gracefully trot and jump fences) and drawing pencil portraits. Mary had an early religious devotion, spending hours reading the Bible and thought her destiny, at that time, was to become a nun. She

delighted in sewing her own dresses, often designing her own patterns, and, as she got older, loved attending local dances, and decorating wedding cakes for her friends and siblings. Many of the things she loved in her youth she'd later share with her children and grandchildren. On February 20, 1960, Mary was united in Holy Matrimony to Paul Kashuba of Hazel Dell. Together they were blessed with 5 children: Howard, Daniel, Loretta, Terence, and Jennifer. Paul's career with the Department of Highways took them to many communities including Wadena, Preeceville, and Saskatoon. Ultimately, the family settled in Yorkton in 1972. Employed as a homemaker, Mary much preferred the title "Domestic Engineer" as it better encompassed the many skills she used in her profession. Those skills, perfected from her early life, ranged from sewing, cooking, baking, cake decorating (gifting her masterfully decorated wedding cakes to family), canning and preserving. Ah, the cooking...much of it in the Polish and Ukrainian tradition. Mary always equated food with love and wasn't satisfied until you were satisfied or, more often, stuffed to the gills. Another passion Mary had was gardening. She possessed an extensive knowledge of a countless varieties of trees, flowers, and plants. Her garden consisted of a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables, some of which were never intended to be planted, let alone cultivated, in Saskatchewan! Many gardeners strive to achieve "green thumb" status, but Mary's gardening skills earned her the designation of "Fluorescent green thumb." Mary's love of gardening extended to

other outdoor activities, and thus, she became adept at identifying the many birds that would visit her garden. She could easily name them by the songs that they'd sing. She loved Sunday drives out to the country, asking to pull off the roadway for a few moments so that she could listen to the frogs croaking in the nearby ponds. Once back home, Mary got joy from dancing and music. She was a self-taught harmonica player and was often engaged in teaching her children and grandchildren Ukrainian dances (pushing living room furniture out of the way to clear a dancefloor and resulted in more laughing, less dancing). In keeping with that theme, she'd often share a corny joke and the resulting belly laughs of hers were infectious. Listening to GX94 Radio's "Saturday Night Get Together" was a weekly ritual of Mary's as she'd look forward to hearing and dancing to the foxtrot, one of her favorite dances. She was an avid reader and reveled in visits with family and friends over tea and dainties, sharing what she'd recently read about. A huge part of her daily life was her faith and she would have a Bible passage to liken with most anything that had to do with what was happening in the world, past or present. Mary subscribed to the notion that a simple life is a better life and was grateful for all of God's wonders, big and small. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Paul Kashuba; her grandsons, Curtis Kashuba, Nicholas Kashuba and Terence Kashuba Jr.; her sisters, Genevieve Kwasny and Rosie Kwasny; and parents, Paul and Mary Kwasny (nee Matsalla). Mary is lovingly remembered by her children, **Howard** (Traci) Kashuba of Zehner, **Daniel** (Denise) Kashuba of Regina, **Loretta** Iris of Saskatoon, **Terence** (Tracy) Kashuba of Yorkton, and **Jennifer** (Jim) Brink of Seattle; her grandchildren, Clayton Kashuba, Jillyn Kashuba, Michael Kashuba, Rachelle(Bob) Hanson & family, Renee Stewart & family, Adam (Danielle) Stewart & family, Victoria Iris (Jesse), Jessica Iris, Deklan Iris-Hoscheit, Ryan Kashuba, Jonathon (Alana) Kashuba, Chelsie Kashuba, Serenity (Kody) Kashuba, Paris (Nick) Kashuba; her great-grandchildren, Draysen Kashuba, Carsten Kashuba, Lincoln Hackett-Kashuba, Casey Kashuba-Stuebing; and her siblings, Wilfred (Arlene) Kwasny, Stefania Stefanyshyn, Lorne (Donna) Kwasny, Clifford (Sandy) Kwasny, Mildred Prestie, Paul (Stephanie) Kwasny, Verna (Brian) Murray, and Henry (Lois) Kwasny; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. A graveside funeral service was held on Thursday February 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm from the Springside Town Cemetery with Jason E. Kopan serving as the Celebrant. Mary's grandson, Clayton Kashuba read from the book of Psalms 150:1-6, one of Mary's favourite Bible passages. Mary's daughter, Jennifer gave a heartfelt eulogy. The pallbearers were Howard Kashuba, Daniel Kashuba, Terence Kashuba, Clayton Kashuba, Jessica Iris, and Jim Brink. Kopan's Funeral Service was honoured to have been entrusted with funeral arrangements. [www.kopans.ca](http://www.kopans.ca) 306-783-0099