REMEMBERING

Mary Warkentin

November 9, 1927 - January 7, 2021

Mary (Unger) Warkentin was born on November 9, 1927 in Coaldale, Alberta to H.J. and Anna Unger, the third daughter in a family of six surviving children. The Ungers moved to Black Creek, BC in 1934 and continued farming. Mary received Jesus into her life at the age of nine and was baptized in Black Creek itself on August 19, 1945 into the Black Creek M.B. church. She based her conversion on Isaiah 55:6, 'All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.' In the summer of 1952, John Warkentin came to Vancouver Island looking for work and attended the Black Creek church. After John went back to the mainland, Mary received a letter from him and they began to correspond. Mary and John were married on November 16, 1952 in the Black Creek church by John's father, the Rev. G.P. Warkentin, and moved to Abbotsford, BC. Mary and John became loving parents to five children and ran a poultry farm. After some years they gradually retired, moving to town in the Monte Vista house, and then the apartment at Park Place in 1987. Mary enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren, going camping with the family, road trips, baking, knitting, crocheting, reading, and gardening, and was involved in the church where she taught a class of adults with special needs. John passed away in 2003. Mary moved to the Tabor Manor in 2016 and the Cottage in 2018. On January 7, 2021, at the age of 93, Mary was in the presence of family when she passed away and went to be with her Lord, due to sudden medical complications.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, husband, two brothers, and two sisters.

Mary leaves behind her sister Elfrieda, brother-in-law Don, sister-in-law Selma (Walter), brother-in-law George (Shirley), sisters-in-law Raija and Gerry, five children, 16 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. 'Children's children are a crown to the aged' Proverbs 17:6.

Mary is dearly missed by her friends and family, including Ron & Bette: Marty, Damon, Matt; Judy & Chris Coleman: Jonathan, Daniel, Shannon; Dan & Berni: Steven, Janice, Carissa; Lydia & Lorne Haak: Richard, David, Justin, Kellie; Alan & Linda: Chris, Donna, Pat, Haedyn, Cloey, Quyntyn, Dyllyn.

A video of the service, officiated by Dan Warkentin, including details for a memorial on Zoom, will be posted on the Clearbrook M.B. Church website. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Multiply (formerly MB Mission).