

AASEN — Ruby May Aasen, beloved wife of the late Mel Aasen, slipped away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, July 4th, 2000.

Ruby was born on September 13th, 1912 at Hazenmore, Saskatchewan to Alfred and Annie Andrews. Her father's homestead was a stop over for people travelling to Vanguard for their winter supplies. Ruby received her education in Hazenmore. She entered nurses training at the Galt Hospital in Lethbridge in 1931 but after 3 months, due to ill health, she was forced to leave. She returned home where she became her father's hired man, driving a six-horse outfit in the fields. While working as a telephone operator at Scotsgard in 1933, she met Melvin Aasen. They were married on December 15th, 1934. These were hard times, in the middle of the depression, but they managed to raise four children. Ruby loved to curl, fish and hunt geese with Mel, their sons Alf and Ken and friends. She was a Life Member of the Royal Purple Lodge in Brooks. Ruby is survived by her loving children, Alfred and his wife Lorrian of Lethbridge, Ethel Hansen and her husband Gordon of Brooks, Ken and his wife Joyce of Bow City and Dorothy Bacon and her husband Terry of Calgary; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandson; two sisters Gladys Bender and Vi (Ken) Lovely of Swift Current, Saskatchewan and nieces and nephews. Mom will be lovingly remembered by all of her family and by her very good friends Hilda Payne and Vera Holeha. There were few days that these ladies missed sharing coffee at the DQ. Funeral services were held at 1:30 PM on Saturday, July 8th from Smith Memorial Chapel. Archdeacon David Prowse officiated.

Honorary pallbearers were all her many friends. Active Pallbearers were Norm Aasen, Rod Aasen, Doug Aasen, Jim Bacon, Mitchell Bacon, Keith Aasen and Wayne Hansen. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery.

In memory of Ruby, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to either Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks T1R 1B3 or to the charity of choice. Arrangements in care of Smith Funeral Home. Telephone 362-4636.