

ANKRUM - One of the pioneers of the Rosemary community, Mabel Leona Ankrum died March 20, 1980 at her Brooks residence. She was 91.

Born in Weir, Kansas on September 18, 1888, she married Harry Ankrum on October 2, 1910 at Weir and they resided in Idaho for several years before settling in Rosemary in 1919. Mrs Ankrum and her little daughter Lois, age three, crossed the international border on March 17, 1920 and were met by Mr. Ankrum with a team and sleigh at Soutesk Siding, just a spot on the map about a dozen miles west of Brooks. There were no roads or fences and they headed north across the unmarked prairie to their new home.

The Ankrums retire to Brooks in 1962 where she has resided since. She was a former president of the Ladies Social Club at Rosemary where she was active in Social and community affairs. She served as Rosemary correspondent for the Brooks Bulletin for many years.

Mrs. Ankrum was a member of the Brooks United Church which she attended regularly and also the functions of Prairie Pioneers which she enjoyed to the utmost. On the occasion of her ninetieth birthday on September 18, 1978, the Brooks community sponsored a luncheon in her honor at the Heritage Motor Inn attended by 70 friends and guests including Brooks Mayor Dale Smith and Fred Mandeville, MLA.

She was predeceased by her husband Harry in 1962 and she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Lois) Moseley of Phoenix, Arizona; one granddaughter, Mrs James (Virginia) Galloway of Albuquerque, New Mexico and one grandson, Danny Moseley of Phoenix.

Funeral service was held in Brooks United Church on Tuesday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Malcolm Profitt officiating and interment was in Brooks cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Penner, Robin Hartley, Nel Tautfest, Allan Kingston, Robert McClelland and James Nesbitt.

Smith Funeral Home of Bassano and Brooks was in charge of arrangements.

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