

Elizabeth “Ella” Webb (nee Schmidt)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Elizabeth Webb at the age of 89 on Sept. 21, 2011. Ella was born on April 5, 1922 in Cactus Lake, Saskatchewan. At least, that is what her birth certificate says. In the commotion of a birth at home in rural Saskatchewan, the certification of her birth seems to have been delayed four days, hence the celebration of Ella's birthday every first of April. She grew up on her family's farm as the eldest of Frank and Elisabeth Schmidt's ten children. Ella received her schooling in Saskatchewan in one-room pioneer schoolhouses, beginning at Edenvue School and finishing in grade 8 at Gottlob School. In 1936 she moved with her family to Marwayne, Alberta where she worked in the cookhouse of a ranch. In November of 1945 she moved to Victoria in search of work. She began working as a nanny for a doctor's family, but quickly left this position to instead take a job at Seven Oaks Store. It was at the Seven Oaks Store where Ella met her future husband, Larry Webb, who, after his first visit to the store, became a frequent customer. It wasn't long until they were dating, and soon after they were married at St Anthony Church in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Ella and Larry raised their seven children, Ken (Madeline), Doreen, Gary, Ron (Barb), Bill (Pam), Louise (Jim), and Diane (Steve), in their family home on Union Road. This home included the beautiful garden in which she enjoyed working until the very end, despite the conflicting relationship she shared with the resident deer family. In her later years, Ella excelled in her role as a doting grandmother and great-grandmother, spoiling her family with her delicious baking and cozy slippers. Within the Sacred Heart congregation Ella made many life long friendships. We thank her for her numerous contributions to the CWL, Sacred Heart Church, and St. Vincent-de-Paul. Ella was sincerely loved by all who knew

her. Her unwavering kindness and compassion will ever be an inspiration to us all.

For Ella's family and friends there will be Visitation at MCCALL BROS., Johnson and Vancouver Streets from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. A Funeral Service to be held at 11:00 am at SACRED HEART CHURCH, 4040 Nelthorpe Rd., on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 followed by a reception. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.