

Mary Penner, age 93, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 9, 2022 at Willow Creek Manor, Swift Current, SK. Mary was born February 14, 1929 to Nikolas & Kathrine Brown at Beaver Flat, SK. Mary was baptized by sprinkler on July 17, 1946 —she then joined the Ebenezer Conference Church in Parkview, SK. Mary was married the love of her life, Henry Penner, on November 1, 1953 in Foam Lake, SK. They joined the Herbert Mennonite Brethren Church where Mary was involved with Ladies Aid, Gideons, and with Henry as deacons. Mary & Henry settled on the farm south of Herbert where they raised their four children. Mary always had a bountiful vegetable and fruit garden and grew the most beautiful flowers. She also had very talented hands that lovingly created beautiful clothes, doilies, afghans, toques, mitts, scarves, and quilts. Mary was a wonderful cook and could make a delicious meal fit for royalty out of practically nothing. She always had delicious homemade bread and buns. Mary & Henry moved to Herbert in 1998. Mary loved having special dinners for all the family to get together with lots of great food and plenty of laughs and fun. She loved playing board games with her children and grandchildren. Mary moved to Prairie Wind Estates in August 2017 after Henry's passing. She then moved to Willow Creek Manor after breaking her hip. All who knew Mary will feel an enormous emptiness now that she is gone, but we know that heaven has gained a wonderful angel. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Henry Penner; her parents, Nikolas & Kathrine Brown; and by her siblings, Nick (Bonnie) Brown, Cornelius Brown, Ben (Liz) Brown, John Brown, Pete Brown, William Brown, and Tine (John) Schellenberg. Mary leaves to mourn her children, Ken (Sharon) Penner, Carol (Bob) Bremner, Marilyn (Paul) Francoeur, and Mark Penner; her ten grandchildren, Madalyn Penner, Jenelle (Nate) Penner, Matthew (Teanna) Penner, Carrie (David) Carr, Janine Bremner, Gayle (Frank) Schmaltz, Robbie (Mellissa) Bremner, Tony (Hailey) Francoeur, and Nikki (Jordan) Duley, Mitch (Cassie) Francoeur; her great-grandchildren, Rowan and Caden Carr, Jade Bremner, Shelby and Taryn Schmaltz, Alexander, Kyra, and Braelynd Bremner, Jack and Louie Francoeur, and Mason Francoeur; her sisters-in-law, Anne (John) Brown and Anne (Cornelius) Brown; and by many nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory of

*Mary Penner*

*Funeral Service*

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm  
Grace Community Church, Herbert, SK

**Officiating** – Pastor Donovan Epp and Pastor Brent Hackney

**Pianist** – Ruth Newton

**Hymns** – “How Great Thou Art” & “How Beautiful Heaven Must Be”

**Special Music** – “I Don’t Want to Say Goodbye”

Mark Penner and Donovan Epp

**Tributes** – Mary’s Grandkids and Donovan Epp

**Pallbearers** – Carrie Carr, Nikki Francoeur,

Janine Bremner, Mitch Francoeur, Gayle Schmaltz,

Madalyn Penner, Robbie Bremner, Janell Penner,

Tony Francoeur, and Matthew Penner

**Honorary Pallbearers** – Jade Bremner, Alexander Bremner,

Shelby Schmaltz, Kyra Bremner, Braelynd Bremner,

Taryn Schmaltz, Rowan Carr, Caden Carr, Jack Francoeur,

Louie Francoeur, and Mason Francoeur

**Private Family Interment** – Preceded the Funeral Service  
from the Herbert Cemetery, Herbert, SK

**Luncheon** – Immediately following the service  
in the lower auditorium

**Donations** – West Bank Bible Camp  
and Gideons International – Shareword Global

**Arrangements** – Swift Current Funeral Home

### *To Those I Love*

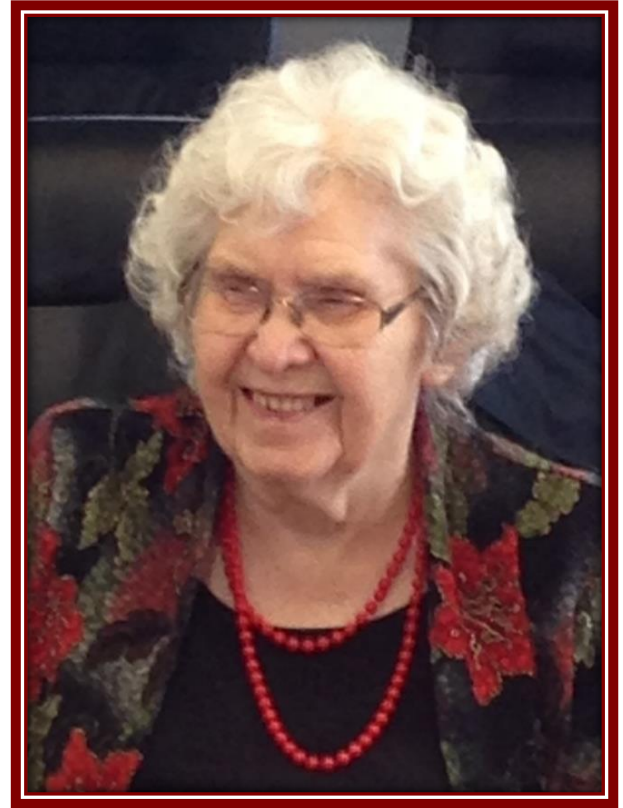
*When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess  
how much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
but now it's time I travelled on alone.*

*So, grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
so, bless the memories with your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
so, if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,  
and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
all of my love around you, soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile, and welcome you home.*



*Mary Penner*

*1929 — 2022*