

Ellen Margrethe Hodel, aged 84, passed away Tuesday October 16, 2018, just shy of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, at Cypress House, Swift Current, SK with her family by her side. Ellen was born on October 23, 1933 to Henry & Grace Larsen in the Alida District, SK where she took her schooling. She was the oldest of three children, Roy and Erik. She helped her parents on the farm as well as helped her uncle, Art Steffensen, on his farm. In the early 1950's the Larsen family moved to Moose Jaw, SK where Ellen met Ron Hodel, they were married in 1955. They made homes in Moose Jaw, Regina, and Southey, SK — having five children in the course of their marriage. In 1970, Ellen and the children moved to Regina. She completed her GED, worked as a key punch operator, and as a cook. She traveled to Denmark with her father and later again with her daughter. In the late 70's, Ellen moved to Herbert, SK with her two youngest children and worked locally. In 1980, she obtained employment with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool as a cook, where she worked until retirement in 1994. This job enabled Ellen to see a great deal of Saskatchewan, a province she loved and lived in her whole life. Ellen retired to Swift Current and enjoyed all her many hobbies — crocheting needlework, bingo, gardening, bird watching, and doting on her pets. In later years, her memory started to fail and after a stay at the Swift Current Care Center, Ellen moved to Cypress House in December 2014. Ellen is survived by her children, Marg (Roger) Dyck, Lorraine (Viktor) Alföldy, Fred Hodel, Kelly Hodel, and Rosann Gallivan; her grandchildren, Miles (Susan) Dyck, Steffanie (Pete) Elliott, Jenn Stad, Chris (Katie) Stad, and Korey Hodel; her great-grandchildren, Darien Dyck, Mason Dyck, Carter Stad, Drillin Stad, Addy Elliot, and Kip Elliot; and by her numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Ellen was predeceased by her parents, Henry & Grace Larsen; her brother, Roy Larsen; her sister-in-law, Margaret Larsen; her ex-husband, Ron Hodel; and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws. Ellen's kindness, willingness to help others, and constant smile helped carry her through the tough times. She will be missed and always remembered. Ellen's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Cypress House for their years of care and service.



*Today our mom is laid to rest,  
To us, her family, she was the best.  
She fed us, she loved us,  
unconditionally,  
She's in our hearts for eternity.*

In Loving Memory of

*Ellen Hodel*

Born – October 23, 1933 at Alida District, SK  
Passed Away – October 16, 2018 at Swift Current, SK

*Memorial Service*

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm  
Cypress House, Swift Current, SK

**Officiating** – Dominick Martens

**Pianist** – Arlene Olson

**Hymn** – "Amazing Grace"

**Tribute** – Lorraine Alföldy (Daughter)

**Eulogy** – Miles Dyck (Grandson)

**Urn Bearers**

Roger Dyck and Vic Alföldy (Sons-in-law)

**Interment** – Will be held at a later date from  
Mount Pleasant Burial Park Columbarium, Swift Current, SK

**Luncheon** – Immediately following the service

**Donations** – Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan  
(301 2550 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Regina, SK, S4P 3X1)

**Arrangements** – Swift Current Funeral Home

In tears we saw you sinking  
We saw you fade away  
You suffered much in silence  
You fought so hard to stay.  
You faced your task with courage  
Your spirit did not bend.  
You still kept on fighting  
Until the very end.

Our family circle has been broken  
A link gone from our chain  
Though we're parted for a while  
We know we'll meet again.  
They say that memories are golden  
They'll be treasured that is true  
We wanted more than memories  
We really wanted you.

Forever remembered and  
Loved by the family



ELLEN HODEL  
1933 – 2018