

Antolena Ruf (nee Gartz), our mom, age 95, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Meadows in Swift Current, SK. Mom was born on July 20, 1926 to August & Olga Gartz in St. Boniface, MB. In 1927, Mom moved with her parents and siblings to Prairie View, SK. Mom went to Sunday School and was confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church. Mom attended Turnhill School, Leonard School, and Luther College in Regina, SK. Mom married William Ruf on November 12, 1950 at Peace Lutheran Church. They were actively involved in Peace Lutheran Church – mom taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and sang in the church choir. Their marriage was blessed with three children – Rodger, Douglas, and Iris. Mom was dad's right-hand helper – milking cows year-round, hauling grain at harvest time, hauling bales, helping pull calves, raising chickens, and had a large garden with many tulips. Mom always had an abundance of baking for any visitors – she was famous for her jam-jam cookies, baking, and decorating many birthday cakes. In mom's spare time she loved to knit and crochet, even in her last few months, she did some knitting. Mom loved to play crokinole and a lot of board games, she also enjoyed watching the Rush Lake Red Sox (probably never missed a game) and the Toronto Blue Jays. Mom was predeceased by her husband, William, on November 15, 2003; her parents, August & Olga Gartz; her parents-in-law, David & Margaret Ruf; her siblings, Clara (Gus) Janke, Hulda (Pete) Gerbrandt, Olga (Alex) Heffley, Ruth (Rudy) Sowiak, and Rudolf Gartz; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Dave (Anne), Jake (June), Rose (Herman), Henry (Emma), Sam (Luelle), Adam (Vi), Herman (Joyce), and Karl; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Mom is survived by her children, Rodger (Maureen), Douglas, and Iris (Brian) Sawyer; her grandchildren, Cheri (Travis) Heard and Ashley Sawyer (Brydon Campbell); her great-grandchildren, Logan and Brooklynn Heard; her sisters-in-law, Lorna Ruf and Kathy Gartz; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In Loving Memory of

## *Antolena Ruf*

**Born** – July 20, 1926 at St. Boniface, MB

**Passed Away** – July 28, 2021 at Swift Current, SK

### *Funeral Service*

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm  
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Swift Current, SK

**Officiating** – Rev. Manfred Kurshner and Rev. Linda Hall

**Organist** – Arlie Neufeld

**Hymns** – "Shall We Gather at the River"  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
"Where the Roses Never Fade"

**Ushers** – Allen Fellingner and Jeff Ruf

**Pallbearers** – Steven Ruf, Wayne Heffley, Darwin Gartz,  
Todd Sowiak, Ross Reimer, and Craig Ruf

**Honorary Pall Bearers** – Cheri Heard, Ashley Sawyer,  
Logan and Brooklynn Heard

**Interment** – following the luncheon from  
Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Prairie View, SK

**Luncheon** – Immediately following the service

**Donations** – Peace Lutheran Cemetery Fund

**Arrangements** – Swift Current Funeral Home

## TWENTY THIRD PSALM

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
— I SHALL NOT WANT.

HE MAKETH ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES,  
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS,  
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL.

HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY  
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME.  
THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME  
IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES.

THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL,  
MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW  
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE,  
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD  
FOREVER.



Antolena Ruf  
1926 – 2021