



Stephanie Minnie Kohan (née Melnyk) December 20, 1936 - January 11, 2018

Stephanie Minnie Kohan, “Stephie”, passed away at home on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the age of 81 years. She was born on December 20, 1936 in Canora, Saskatchewan, graduated from Margo High School in 1954, and from nursing at St. Boniface Hospital, in Winnipeg, in 1958. Stephie worked as a public health nurse and matron in the Kamsack area where her duties included at times delivering babies without the assistance of a physician. She later continued her vocation at hospitals in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, looking after her beloved “premies” and others in her care. She continued working in Calgary at the Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute (VRRI) and finally in family practices. She retired from nursing in 1995. Stephie married Vern Kohan on November 25, 1961 and their marriage was blessed with three children, James (Linda Brown), Anna-Marie (Keith La Bossiere), and Stephen (Tracy) as well as six grandchildren, Brayden, Briana, Julian, Sarah, Maxwell and Nickolas. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. Stephie

and Vern enjoyed traveling together when they could and often far and wide: to Jamaica, New Zealand, Arizona and in their retirement across Canada in their RV (“the Buggy”) with many stops along the way: Saskatchewan, Quebec City and all the way to the East Coast and back. Stephie is predeceased by her parents, John and Anne Melnyk and her brother Terry (Rita). She will be sorely missed and always remembered by her loving husband, sister Evelyn Woolner, her children, and grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Stephie’s keen wit, sly humour, and gentle wisdom endeared her to everyone who met her. Especially the parade of children throughout her life from the babies she cared for in her career, her own at home, and the constant flow of neighbourhood kids, friends, and grandchildren. She was a source of encouragement, strength, wisdom and wicked good soup. Her doors and heart were always open to all.

Reception

Immediately following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family at Aviemore Garden Room (48 Inverness Gate SE) from 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

*Eternal rest grant unto your servant Stephie,
O Lord, and let eternal light shine upon her.*

Hail Mary

*Hail Mary full of Grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death
Amen.*



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Stephie Kohan 1936 - 2018

Funeral Mass

St. Albert the Great Catholic Church
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:30 am

Presider: The Rev. Julian Studden

Readers

Brayden La Bossiere	Briana La Bossiere
Julian Kohan	Sarah Kohan

Prayer of the Faithful: Tracy Kohan

Offertory Bearers

Maxwell Kohan	Nickolas Kohan
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Tribute: Anna-Marie La Bossiere

Musical Selections

St. Albert the Great Funeral Choir

Hymns

<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	<i>You Are Near</i>
<i>One Bread One Body</i>	<i>Only a Shadow</i>
<i>Hail Mary Gentle Woman</i>	<i>On Eagles Wings</i>

Pallbearers

Brad Woolner	Keith La Bossiere	Maxwell Kohan
Terry Melnyk	Brayden La Bossiere	Nik Hamilton

Graveside Service

Edenbrook Memorial Gardens