## TRINITY LODGE

RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

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PG.3. A loving tribute to her mom on her 100th birthday, by Diane Newcombe, nee Schroeder.

PG 4. Some wonderful pictures of a life well lived.

WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER, ITS EXISTENCE IS DEPENDANT ON YOUR PARTICIPATION. PHONE RON FRECKLETON 403 253 0984

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Our newsletter gives us the opportunity to create a record of "Our Life before Trinity Lodge." In the first sixteen months of publication, we've managed to

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capture some amazing stories from our residents. In September we're going to start a weekly, creative writing program. Write about anything and, if you wish, you can write one little chapter of your life each week. You will be surprised at what you will remember when you look back. You'll find that your ordinary life was not so ordinary. If we get enough support, we'll also bring back our "Happy Memories" program. Before Covid, we had a lot of fun every Tuesday morning, reminiscing about our younger days.

For Residents. By Residents.

It would be impossible to tell you all the things that Mom has accomplished during her 100 years. We know that she is an inspiration to everyone, and I am sure that you have your own special thoughts and memories. Most of you, however, may not know her story.

Leonore Irene Lois Park (Schroeder) was born in Victoria BC. She spent the first 13 years of her life in the small town of Rosemary AB, where her father Wilbert Park, worked as a CPR agent. He was transferred to Hatton, Saskatchewan and he, his wife, Susie and his 2 daughters, Leonore and Marjorie moved there.



Hatton is a small town near the Alberta border with few amenities and no

High School. The closest high school was Medicine Hat. Fifteen year old Leonore moved there, by herself, and boarded with a family, where she completed 2 years of high school. After completing grade 11, her family moved to Gadsby AB where she finished high school. It was there she met my father, Elwin (Nick) Schroeder.

Nick enlisted in the air force in 1941/42, and in the same year Leonore enrolled at the Calgary Normal Teacher College at King Edward High School. The school was formed to train 182 young women to be teachers, replacing those who had gone to war. Upon completing Normal school, her first teaching position was in Fredensfelt, a small remote country school near Medicine Hat, where she taught grades 1 to 9.

In 1943, while Nick was on leave, they were married in Fort Macleod. After the war, they bought a farm near Nanton. Leonore taught at the Parkland School. In 1960 the family moved to Calgary, where she continued her teaching - achieving the position of Assistant principal. Upon retirement she tutored reading. She was also very active in St Andrew's and Central United Church.

When Nick and Leonore retired, they traveled to Europe and toured the United States. They spent their winters in Arizona, California, and Hawaii. Leonore remained active, cross-country skiing, biking, skating and golf. She plays the piano and is still an avid bridge player.

There have been many Christmases, Birthdays and Anniversaries that, my wife Jane and I, (our 2 children, Kari and David, their spouses Clint and David, our 2 grandchildren Asher and Morgan) have shared with Mom and Dad. Mom's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is the perfect time to celebrate Mom and her beautiful life – a truly amazing lady!! And also to share with her friends and family the rest of mum's story!

Happy 100th Birthday Mom, Grandma and great-Grandma, with lots of love!!!

Bob, Jane and family

Mom, a name that holds a million different meanings for love. One love that lasts forever is the very first we know, the love our mothers give us from the start… From them comes every comfort and security we need and countless gifts, from an unselfish heart… Through those passing years, no matter where our lives may take us, our mothers love stays with us deep inside… We hear her voice of wisdom, feel her tender touch and see her gentle smile of joy and pride… At heart we are always little ones to her, and all our grown-up lives, we still enjoy a mother's love and care…



Mom, you are a Centurion celebrating
10 decades of Memories 1,200 months of Happiness
5,217 weeks of Love 36,525 days of Wisdom
876,600 hours of Laughter
3 beautiful Grandchildren and 3 Loving Great Grand Children
Diane

