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Martha Toews Holderman, 91

Martha Toews Holderman, 91, passed away on April 10, 2004 at the Swan Valley Nursing home in Creston, B.C., Canada.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 in the Bonners Ferry Funeral Home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Burial followed in the Mountain View Mennonite Cemetery.

Our dear mother, Martha was born to Isaac and Helen Toews in Acme, Alberta, Canada on Dec. 23, 1912. She lived the years of her youth at Linden, Alberta where helped at home and also was known as a favorite Sunday school and Bible School teacher.

She left home at the age of 27, when she married Harvey Holderman on Oct. 30, 1940. They moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho sharing life's joys and sorrows for 53 years until Harvey passed away.

Mother worked hard making a Christian Home for us. To this union were born five sons and three daughters. Her last place of residence was with her daughter, Lois, of Creston, B.C. before entering the Swan Valley Nursing

Home.

Martha gave her heart to the Lord when she was 16, and this she was faithful until the end. Her goal and desire was to do what the Lord wanted her to do. Many lives have been touched by her Christian witness.

It was not earthly possessions, but a spiritual inheritance that she has left to be a continual guiding star to her children and grandchildren. She had a benevolent spirit, always sharing and thinking of others.

For many years she was very active and an avid gardener and loved her flowers, which was shared by many friends. She also enjoyed having her friends and family in her home.

Her children and grandchildren meant a lot to her and she always appreciated us coming home and bringing our little ones along. It was hard for her in her last years to be relaxed, but yet she willingly filled out her older years as the Lord gave her each day. "One step at a time" was her motto.

Her passing leaves three daughters and four sons and their families: Edward and Salinda of Bonners Ferry, Id.; Marvin and Beverly of Scotta, Neb.; Dale and Gwen and Alan and Gayle all of Buhl, Idaho; Helen and Darrel Yost of Grant, Neb.; Arlene and Randy Penner of Stenen, Sask.; Lois of Calgary Alberta; her six brothers, Ben and Sam and wife Eleanor of Calgary AB; Norman and Elsie of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Dan and Marie and Milton and Margaret all of Neilburg, Sask.; Gladwin and Luanna of Linden, AB.; a sister-in-law, Anna Toews, of Linden, AB. he also leaves 22 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.