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Mom made it a priority to provide her children with every spiritual and physical need in her power.

because she herself was not comfortable in water it was paramount to ensure our safety and proficiency with swim lessons at crystal lake, shared ownership of a beach cottage with our cousins, and a boat.

Music lessons and the excitement of having a piano delivered by train.

Summer catechism even though there were gardens to weed.

Attending church every Sunday regardless of how late we went out the night before

Making sure we went to Saskatoon exhibition and experience city culture every summer by visiting our cousins.

She recognised the value of an education, an active church involvement, various life experiences and encouraged our pursuits to boldly challenge life.

Many of these things were provided at great personal sacrifice to our parents.

She also demanded proper deportment from her daughters.

There were the rules about never being seen in or near the local pool hall, we never did find out the consequence but knew it would not be to our liking!

She advised if we chose to smoke, we should smoke like a lady, sitting down and never standing up holding onto a cigarette. The rules of etiquette in the 1950's, although seem somewhat humorous now are still being transmitted to her daughters and granddaughters!

Mom loved to spend time with her grandchildren, and they all have a strong bond with her. --- All of them recall the many story readings, overnight visits and learning to pray the rosary.

With each having a special cup for their juice with their name written on it! -- It is a real special thing when your name was written into the famous Nursery rhyme book. --- It meant that you were somebody,--- you belonged to someone!

It was a huge sadness when Bruce died-- and Mom was, --- as any mother--- painfully affected, however her faith carried her through this great loss. Even with her deep grief she found the fortitude to support the family. She modelled her Holy Mother in Prayer and love for all of us.

When dad was affected by memory loss, she cared for him and tried to manage his activities as best she could, which was a challenge if you knew grampa Ernie--- and his many hobbies and social activities.