

It was rather unusual for a young woman in her day to be so independent.

However she flourished in the warm environment of a large family - being one of the youngest, enjoying the indulgence of her parents.

Mom completed her education at Sacred Heart Academy Yorkton, taking a year break in grade 11 to care for her mother who'd had a stroke. Her grade 12 year was completed in Sion Academy Saskatoon.

As a young child Bernadette sustained a life-threatening burn due to a coal oil lamp fire in her home, his required daily care. Without a hospital she was cared for at home with daily doctor visits.

Her father was told not to be hopeful for her survival.

But her prayerful family prayed daily for her recovery.

Bernadette always believed that her life was saved by Divine intervention.

She later suffered much distress when both sons were burned in a fire and spent time in the burn unit, she prayed fervently and faithfully for their recovery.

It is said that opposites attract and to prove that she married Ernie Sorochuk on July 23 1955, at Holy Trinity Church.

Ernie was a young man with a flashing smile, a new truck, leather jacket and a strong personality.

They had many adventures together moving across Canada with pipeline construction.

However, Bernadette really longed for the rural lifestyle, and they happily settled on an acreage near Norquay where they continued to raise their family-- close to grandparents and extended family.

Bernadette loved her garden, her flowers, and raising livestock, a hobby that was shared with her father-in-law Metro Sorochuk.

As the family grew up, she decided that she needed to enter the work force. She applied for a position with Canada Post and enjoyed serving the public at Norquay post office.

Over her 88 years Bernadette, was a wife, mother to Deb, Loretta, Bruce and Neil a sibling to her 11 brothers and sisters, a grandmother and great grandmother.

She, together with Ernie, hosted many family gatherings and summer vacationers. Members of the family regularly returned to Norquay for events and family visits.