

OBITUARY



FISHER: Beatrice Elizabeth of Lloydminster passed away at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton on Tuesday, April 16, 1996 at the age of 81 years.

Bea leaves to cherish her memory, her loving family - two children: Ron Fisher of Red Deer and Allan and Lynne Fisher of Edmonton; two grandchildren: Breanne and Drew Fisher; two sisters: Nora Johnson and Kay Owen of Regina; two brothers-in-law: Doug Johnson of Regina and Harris McCrae of Edmonton; two sisters-in-law: Marion Morgan of Wainwright and Sylvia Fisher of Lloydminster; an in-law George Kinaschuk of Edmonton and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Erdmund on May 11, 1988.

Bea was born on May 15, 1914 to Norman and Gertrude

Hall in Regina, Saskatchewan. She completed her schooling in Regina and during the 1930s pursued a teaching career in several rural Saskatchewan communities.

She was married to Erdmund Fisher on May 15, 1943. They moved to Calgary in 1945 where sons Ron and Allan were born. In 1957 they moved to Lloydminster to work in the family business, Fisher's 5¢ to \$1.00 store.

Bea was an active community member throughout the next 30 years. She was involved in numerous organizations and community groups, some of which included the Eastern Star, Hospital Auxiliary, several boards of the United Church and the Parent Teacher Association. She was the first woman to serve on the Lloydminster Public School Board.

Bea is best remembered for her community work from 1959 to 1989 on behalf of the mentally handicapped children. Her organizational skills and "passion" to make a difference in the lives of these children resulted in the development of school programs, living accommodations, and workshop activities for them. Her tireless work provided the children with the opportunity to become productive members of their communities.

The sheltered workshop for the handicapped was renamed the Bea Fisher Centre in her honor.

She was also recognized for her community work by being selected Lloydminster's Citizen

of the Year in 1973 and again in 1980.

In 1992, a Bea Fisher Scholarship Fund was established by the Board of the Lloydminster Parkland Residence Society for students wishing to become special education teachers of the handicapped.

The funeral service was conducted at the Grace United Church on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Harold Martin officiating. The hymns sung were: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee". The United Church Choir sang the hymn "Be Still And Know". The organist for the service was Irene Knowlson. The scripture reading was given by Mr. Clayton Reeves, the eulogy by Olinda Tindall.

The honorary pallbearers were: Olinda Tindall, Una Faber, Mary Shortell, Clayton and May Reeves, Ken and Marg Dumouchel, Don and Helen MacDonald, Jack and Joyce Kemp, Sandy and Grace Hill, Earl and Rita Ingram, Pat Gulak, Dr. Raff and Zuhy Sayeed, Dale and Charlotte Wilkinson, Ann Brown, Dr. Don and Margaret Cleal and Evelyn Nelson.

The active pallbearers were: (nephews) Doug Morgan, Brian Johnson, Wayne Fisher, Samuel Fisher, Jairo Garzon and Larry Owen.

Interment followed the service at the Lloydminster Cemetery.

McCaw Funeral Service Ltd., of Lloydminster, Alberta administered the funeral

arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Bea Fisher would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives and friends for attending the funeral of Bea and giving their love, kindness and support to our family during the loss of our mother, grandmother and sister.

Our sincere thanks to Reverend Harold Martin for his comforting words; to Clayton Reeves for his kind words and reading of the scripture; to the Grace United Choir and to Irene Knowlson, the organist.

We express sincere appreciation to those friends who were the honorary pallbearers and the nephews who were active pallbearers.

A special thanks to Mom's dear friend, Olinda Tindall, who gave the heartfelt eulogy and tribute to Mom. Your friendship and kindness will always be cherished by the family.

Most sincere thanks to the United Church Women and the Ladies of the Eastern Star who provided and served a delicious lunch and to the many relatives and friends who sent flowers, memorial donations and comforting cards.

Sincere appreciation to the McCaw's for their guidance and comfort during these difficult days.

The thoughtfulness, kindness and support of so many at this sad time will never be forgotten.

**Ron Fisher
Allan & Lynne
Breanne & Drew Fisher**