

Janet Turgeon

Well-loved lady celebrated

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On Saturday, October 16, Janet Turgeon celebrated her 90th birthday with friends, neighbours and relatives at Eagle Bay Community Hall. Janet was a long-time resident of Eagle Bay and a lady truly loved by all who knew her. Eighty people attended an Open House celebrating at the community hall. Relatives and friends came from all over B.C. and Alberta.

Janet was born at Vancouver on October 20, 1909 to Herbert and Elizabeth Vermilyea. She moved with her family to Enderby in 1919 and lived there for six months. In 1920, the family moved to Kamloops and in 1923 to Tranquille where they lived until 1931 when Kamloops became their home once more.

Janet had three brothers, all are deceased. Her three sisters are living. Two reside in Kamloops and one in Chase.

As a young lady, Janet worked as a nanny-housekeeper for many years in the Kamloops area. Her last position was with a school teacher who taught at Deadman's Creek near Kamloops. In this particular job, Janet was nanny to five children. When this teacher moved to Eagle Bay to teach at the little school at the foot of Galli-



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gan Road, Janet moved with her. The year was 1940. She is proud to recall these "children" still keep in touch with her.

At Eagle Bay, Janet met the love of her life, Leo Turgeon. They married in 1942 and had two daughters, Marie and Donna. It is noted in the annals of Eagle Bay history that Donna was the first baby christened in Eagle Bay Community Church. Janet and Leo were exceedingly proud of their five grandsons, Brad, Trevor and Cory Muir and Jason and Vincent Best. Janet has no granddaughters, but she enjoys a great-granddaughter, daughter of Trevor and Tracy Muir. This lovely wee girl was born hours before Great-grandfather Leo passed away; he was able to see her and celebrate her birth in his heart.

Once again, Janet and Leo Turgeon became a part of Eagle Bay history. When



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they were married, they bought the old Eagle Bay School teacherage and moved it to Leo's parent's property. Thus began a 55 year old marriage. They lived there for two years then bought the land owned by Janet today. The teacherage is still alive and well and living in Eagle Bay. It is part of the Wolsey property, two lots west of Eagle Bay Mini-Mart, a true memento of Eagle Bay's past.

A few years ago, Janet and Leo moved into Salmon Arm close to Piccadilly Mall. Janet became the consummate shopper and Leo the ultimate "sidewalk supervisor" as he watched the building of the extension of the mall. Since Leo's death, Janet has divided her time between the homes of daughters, Marie and Donna.

Janet has happy, happy memories. Her family is and has always been the joy of her existence. Her recol-

lections of life in Eagle Bay are many. She remembers churning butter, tending kerosene lamps for it was donkey's years before power came to this area. She recalls washing on a scrub board, cooking on a woodstove, getting mail only twice a week, living without running water and never owning a car.

Janet loved to dance, she still does! Although deaf, Janet cuts a rug with the best of them for she feels the beat.

She will tell you of crossing the lake by boat to go to the dances at Celista for the lake was the highway in those days. She will also tell you of being too sea sick to dance when she got there.

Our birthday girl knits and crochets beautifully. She knit baby outfits for everyone's children. She still crochets doilies.

Leo and Janet helped build Eagle Bay Community Hall and helped to raise funds to this end. They were rewarded for their efforts with lifetime memberships in the Hall Society.

Happy Birthday, Janet, from all of Eagle Bay. We hear your best present was seeing everyone for your celebration and dancing to the Jo-Di Orchestra. God Bless!

Ms. Jeannette Hester



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Janet Evelyn Turgeon passed away on March 16, 2005 with her family by her side in the serenity of her daughter's home in Salmon Arm.

Janet was born on October 20, 1909 in Vancouver, B.C. At an early age, her family moved to Kamloops. She spent many years there, growing up and then working at what she loved best – looking after children. In the early 1940's, she moved to Eagle Bay, B.C. where she met and married the love of her life, Leo. She had a wonderful life in Eagle Bay, where she and Leo raised two daughters. The very best times of her life were spent with her grandchildren and then her great grandchildren. They were always the high point of her life.

Janet will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Marie and Donna (Dave); grandsons, Brad (Connie), Trevor (Tracey), Cory (Karen), Jason (Rhiannon) and Vince; great grandchildren, Amy, Keara, Malcolm, Alex, Tyler, Madeline and Makayla; sisters Ruth, Eileen and Eva; brother-in-law Francis (Mary), sister-in-law Irene, and numerous friends & relatives. Also "Grandma" to Trapper, Travis, Lindsay and Michelle.

Janet was predeceased by her husband, Leo; parents Herbert and Elizabeth; brothers, Wallace, Cyril and Bruce; son-in-law, Jim Best and great-grandson, Maxwell.

We will all remember her for her love of life.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Eagle Bay Hall on April 17th, 2005, at 1 p.m.

If so desired, donations in memory of Janet may be made to the charity of one's choice benefiting children.

Arrangements are in the care of Bowers Funeral Home and Crematorium, Salmon Arm.

Email condolences can be sent to: sympathy@bowersfuneralservice.com.

*She is not far—
she is always near
in the memories that
you hold most dear—
In the hearts that still care,
in the love that goes on...
She will never be far.
She will never be gone.*

