



Alma Blocher

March 9, 1929 - May 7, 2011

BLOCHER, Alma Isabel (Mickey) Gray (Keroack) nee Paxton March 9, 1929 - May 7, 2011 It is with very sad hearts that we announce the peaceful passing, earlier this month, of our mother, Belle, on the eve of Mothers Day 2011. Isabel is mourned by her three children, Maureen Panek (Steve), Daniel Keroack (Paulette) and Madeleine Keroack; sister Louise Willans (Doug) as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who knew her lovingly as Nana. She was predeceased by her parents John and Alma and her stepmother Jessie (Nanny). Mum led a very full life, raising a family that over the years included over 30 foster children, especially our brother Rick Letendre (Cathy) Vancouver, B.C. Mum worked in various fields from waitressing at the old Woodward's lunch counter to various secretarial positions. After having many magazine articles and short stories published, she eventually worked as a reporter and columnist for the Edmonton Journal. We were most proud of her autobiographical book, The Other Side of Tears, detailing her early years living with her family in the Windermere Valley. Sadly, Mum lost her mother at the young age of 10 and her dad when she was only 14. Surely these two tragic losses for such a young girl impacted her in a huge way. In keeping with our mothers wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. We will continue to be in touch with friends and extended family and we look forward to sharing memories in honor of our Mum. We would like to very much thank all who have offered us support and comfort in the last few weeks. Thank you also to the staff and residents at Golden Age Manor and the U of A Palliative Care Unit. Isabel's favourite times were autumn, Christmas and lilac season. May we suggest that in lieu of flowers, we all stop, smell the beautiful lilac bushes in full bloom this month, think of her, and smile she would love that! Also, in honour of her tender love and care for all cats in need, donations may be made to the Hervey Foundation for Cats or the Edmonton Humane Society (SPCA). Condolences: simplycremations@telus.net.

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