



Marianne Koch

March 10, 1933 - May 12, 2026

With hope and sadness in our hearts, the Koch family will be remembering the life and times of Marianne Koch, who passed away peacefully this week at ninety-three years of age. Marianne was a devout Christian who was not afraid of getting older, sincerely believing Proverbs 16:31 which states: "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life" (ESV).

Born Marianne Ott in Selm, Germany in 1933, a school girl during the horrors and privations of war in the years to come, she was the second youngest of seven surviving children of Johann and Anna Ott. After leaving school at the age of fourteen to work as a domestic helper, Marianne came to Canada in 1953 by boat to work as a nanny. Around 1957, Marianne met Harold Koch at the Lutheran church they both attended in Edmonton and were soon married. Together they raised four children; John, Peter, Darlene, and David.

Unfortunately, Harold's sudden passing in 1975 made everything more difficult for Marianne and her family of survivors.

At the age of ninety-three, Marianne had outlived almost everyone she knew well, with the exception of her children and grandchildren. John and David have carried on in Edmonton. In Calgary, Peter and his wife Ruth have a son named Christopher. Darlene has two sons named Nathaniel and Leland. Marianne's family will always remember her for her fondness of gardening, cooking, animals and telling stories. We learned from her that there is no story that is not worth telling again and again. In the end, Marianne's industry and frugal habits are what will continue to provide for the next generation in the

same way that her sons in Edmonton, David in particular, diligently cared for her in her final years.

If friends so desire, donations can be made to your local food bank so that children and families nearby need not go hungry. Our thoughts and prayers would thus be aligned with Marianne's, who always taught us to be grateful for our food each day and "give thanks" (Matthew 14:19).