Sadly, the family of Florence Swetlikoff of Castlegar wishes to announce her passing, with her loved ones at her side, at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital on Sunday, August 12, 2012, blessed with 85 years of life.

Florence was born in Krestova, BC on February 3, 1927, and was raised, along with her siblings Walter, Helen, Steve and Bill, by parents Mable and Steve Swetlishoff.

Florence married Nick Swetlikoff on May 16, 1946 and lived in Slocan Park where John, Phillip and Elaine were born, then later moved to South Slocan where Nick, Bob and Ron were born. After Florence lost her husband Nick to an accident in 1970, she moved to Castlegar where she lived for the remainder of her life. Florence’s entire life was devoted to her home and family, followed by her love of flowers. She was most at peace when she tended her garden and her last days were spent doing what she loved most. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have benefited from her ability to knit beautiful blankets.

Florence will be remembered for her love and generosity. She has touched the hearts of everyone that she met. We love her dearly and will always treasure the memories that she has left us.

She was predeceased by her husband Nick, two sons Nick (2000) and Bob (2011) and siblings Walter, Helen and Bill.

Florence will be missed and dearly remembered by her sons John (Lillian), Phillip (Rosalie) and Ron; her daughter Elaine (Alan) Kinakin; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; a large extended family and many friends.

Donations in Florence’s Memory may be made to Greater Trail Hospice Society, Kiro Wellness Centre, Suite 7 – 1500 Columbia Avenue, Trail BC V1R 1J9 or to ISKRA, PO Box 3024, Castlegar BC V1N 3H4.

Arrangements were in care of Castlegar Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Services were officiated by Mike A. Kanigan and were held at Castlegar Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 16, 2012 followed by interment at Park Memorial Cemetery.