



Tina Perepelkin 1929 – 2014

Tina Perepelkin was born in Nelson, BC, on October 4th, 1929, to Louie and Tanis Verigin of Blewett, BC, and was a sister to Mike, Helen, and Elsie.

Tina was raised on a farm in Blewett and there, attended Blewett school. At the age of 17, she married Bill Perepelkin on February 28th, 1946, and they resided in Glade, Krestova and Vancouver, BC, respectively, while raising their three children, Walter, Dennis and Beverley.

Early in their marriage, Tina and Bill would travel away from home with other young people to the Okanagan and to Keremeos, working in the orchards and fruit packing houses to earn money for their families. In the 1960's, while in Vancouver, Tina enjoyed her employment as a home support worker and house keeper. During those years in Vancouver, Tina took great pride in being part of the Russian choir that was conducted and directed by John Niechoda. As a result, she created many lifelong and endearing friendships.

In 1974 Tina and Bill moved back to the Kootenays, building a home and settling in Brilliant, BC.

Tina was happy and content in being surrounded by all her family and loved ones. Tina was very skilled in her sewing and knitting and graciously shared her creations with her family. She was also an exceptional cook. For many years Tina and her "swakha" - Winnie Bloodoff - were head cooks for the Brilliant Community. Everyone loved Baba's soup! She was especially happy to teach her loved ones traditional Doukhobor cooking and preserving methods with the fruits of her labor from the many gardens, greenhouse and trees she and Bill had established over the years.

Tina spent her free time participating in the USCC—singing and performing in choirs and activities for peace. Tina also enjoyed singing and performing in Mike Wynechuk's choir in the 1970's to the 1980's.

Tina had a bit of an adventurous streak and sometimes loved to just get in the car and go somewhere. She enjoyed going to the hot springs with friends, and to pack a picnic and go to the beach with her grandchildren. She took numerous bus trips to the Mother's Day march in Osoyoos, and had the opportunities to visit Cuba, Mexico and Hawaii.

Above all, Tina enjoyed socializing with others – especially her best friends Helen Mahonen and sister Elsie Makasoff. Tina was known for her genuine interest in the welfare of others. She always put others first, and provided wise, loving counsel for those who were fortunate enough to know her – whether you wanted it or not! Tina was someone who took life in stride, accepting anything or anyone that came her way. Tina's belief in God gave her strength to endure the hardships that came during her lifetime.

Tina passed away unexpectedly on January 4th, 2014, at the age of 84, while she was temporarily convalescing at Talarico Place.

She was predeceased by her husband Bill, her son Dennis, and her brother Mike. She is survived by her son Walter and daughter-in-law Donna, daughter-in-law Janice, and her daughter Beverley and son-in-law Peter Bloodoff and sisters Helen Markin and Elsie Makasoff.

Tina also leaves behind eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson (with another due in April), and numerous nieces and nephews. Tina was a cheerful, kind and thoughtful woman whose unconditional, positive, and loving regard for everyone who came into contact with her was, and will be, cherished always. She will be dearly missed and her memory will forever remain in our hearts. May she rest in peace in God's Heavenly Kingdom.



In Memoriam
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