

## Johnnie Albers 1919-2011 ———

Kathryn (Johnnie) Albers passed away on March 23, 2011 in Bentley, Alberta. She was born on January 12, 1919 in Lougheed, Alberta to Eugene and Ruth Johnson.

In 1942, Johnnie joined the Canadian Womens Army Corps and after basic training, was sent to Great Britian until her discharge in 1945

Adventure took her to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in 1946, where she met and married Tommy Albers. They raised a family in Yellowknife until 1966, when the family moved to Ponoka, Alberta. After her husband Tommy passed in 1990, Johnnie lived at The Legion Arms and later at the Rimoka Lodge in Ponoka. With failing health, she then spent her last days at the Bentley Care Center with her daughters nearby.

Johnnie was predeceased by her husband Tom, her parents and her siblings Alfred, Gene, Maud and Inez.

She will be sadly missed by sons Jim and Doug of Yellowknife, daughters Anne (Charles) Gathercole of Wetaskiwin, Joan (Derek) Dickau of Bentley, and Diane Albers of Red Deer. She also leaves eight grandchildren: Brenda Gathercole, Beverly (William) Stretch, Cindy (Wayne) Krick, Judie (Wes) Neumeier, Janet (Edward) Bloom, Nicole Doll, Brett Dickau and Brian (Karen) Dickau; nine great-grandchildren: Warren and Steven Krick, Nathaniel Stretch, Jorden Wolfe, Parker and Mason Neumeier, Julia and Chloe Doll and Keira Dickau. Johnnie was full of pride the day she met her great, great grandson Lucas Krick.

Johnnie was a life member of the OORP and served a term as Honoured Royal Lady in Yellowknife.