



# Marie Louise Eglantine Mercredi

**April 15, 1922 - February 28, 2020**

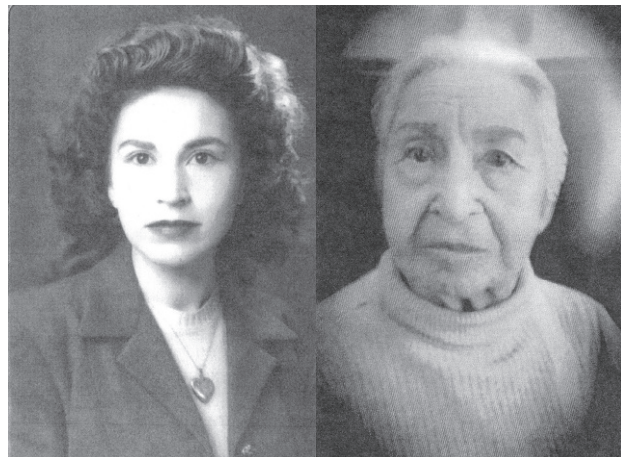
Marie passed peacefully and painlessly into the presence of her Lord on February 28, 2020 in Coquitlam, British Columbia at the age of 97 after receiving final rites by Fr. Ron Thompson and in the presence of Sharon Belec. She was born on April 15, 1922 to Laiza Beaudry-Tourangeau and Pierre Mercredi on a small farm in Fort Smith, NWT. Marie was the youngest of seven children. She is predeceased by her parents, brothers Eugene, Cyril and Rene and sisters Leonie, Emelia and Seraphine. Also predeceased by her spouse of over 50 years Charles Warren Charters (Chuck).

Marie lived a remarkable life. She was a free spirit and left Ft. Smith at 23 years of age to discover new places and new opportunities. She spent some time in Edmonton, AB and worked as a typist before moving to the west coast and settling in Vancouver, BC. It was there that Marie found her home, a job she enjoyed until retirement and also found the love of her life, Chuck.

Marie worked for nearly 40 years at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Vancouver. She was passionate about her home, her garden and animals. Rescue dog Jordie, became a large part of their lives for many years. She fed the neighborhood cats and the other critters that frequented her yard. Marie also traveled the world and loved to share stories of her adventures especially with dearest friends Wendy & Bill McCallion.

Marie's love of people and animals, and her kindness and generosity extended to the charities she supported, the Salvation Army and the SPCA.

Marie's nearest friends and family loved her and will miss her dearly. Many beloved nephews and nieces in NT, AB, ON and BC will remember the lady they lovingly called 'Aunty Mary.'



Marie also leaves William Brown (Kristina), Sharon Belec (Gordie), her nephew and guardian Jim Charters (Kim), members of the Charters family and the McCallions to remember her with fondness.

Her life touched people. She taught those around her, to dream, to work hard, to be kind to others and to love the world - it's places, plants, animals and people. Her humour and kindness will be remembered by those who were lucky enough to know and be loved by her.

A funeral Mass was held on March 16th at St Joseph's Cathedral in Fort Smith, burial was at St. Isidore Cemetery. On behalf of Marie's family we thank the following people for their kindness as Marie was honoured and laid to rest in Fort Smith: Jim Charters, Family of Seraphine Evans, Fort Smith Métis Association, Don Harney, Leonard Tuckey, Fr. Cornelius, Al Dumont, Earl Evans, Ty Martin, Richard Mercredi, Rene Mercredi Jr., Maurice Evans Jr., Ken Rehm, Jordan Seymour, Tony Whitford, Gordon Belec, Sylvie Tordiff, Ladies who led prayers at the wake, Members of the Choir, Hailey Armoogan, George Mandeville, Community of Fort Smith, Town of Fort Smith.

**Marsi Cho/Thank you**