



**GOULET — Helen Rita Marie (nee: Wells)**

**Helen Rita Marie Goulet** (Nee: WELLS), 76, of Merritt, British Columbia, passed away June 21, 2009, after a long battle with congestive heart failure and complications of diabetes. Helen has 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Beloved mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, Helen was born at home on November 2, 1932, in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, to Lambert and Irma Wells (nee: Fieber). Helen has one older sister - Dell Parks of Oregon Washington, USA, a younger sister - Marjorie Hopkins of Winnipeg, Manitoba and a younger brother Dale Wells who predeceased Helen in 1999 from Vancouver, BC. While working as a Manitoba Telephone Operator in 1948 - Helen met her life partner and husband Wesley Ronald Goulet. Ron recalled he found many reasons to phone and speak to Helen the Telephone Operator as she had such a young sweet vibrant voice. On August 1, 1950, they married in Flin Flon, Manitoba. In 1966 Helen and Ron relocated their family of five children to Nelson, British Columbia and then Princeton, BC in 1968. Surviving are her husband, (86) Wesley Ronald Goulet; daughter, Beth Goulet-Hillier and her husband, Blair Hillier, of Merritt, BC, and son Dave L. Goulet and his wife, Christal Van Solkema of Pouce Coupe, BC and son, Bill Goulet and his wife, Shelly Goulet of Chetwynd, BC. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Marie O'Neill of Langley, BC, Evi Ryan of Hope, BC, Kristina Ryan of Abbotsford, BC, David Goulet, of Princeton, BC, Darren Goulet of Dawson Creek, BC, Cameron Van Solkema of Revelstoke, BC, Brian Racher of Chilliwack, BC, Tyler Racher of Merritt, BC and Dustin Racher of Saskatoon, Sask. Helen also has 22 great-grandchildren. Helen is further survived by sister-in-law and life friend, Joyce Alksne, of Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba, brother-in-law Lorne Goulet, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; as well as by nieces, nephews, many other relatives throughout Canada and the USA. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Dale Wells and her eldest daughter, Helen "Lynne" Goulet and son Edward "Ronald" Goulet. Helen's talents as a wife, mother and grandmother, her sense of humor, her generous manner, her love of family and her passion of gardening, and arts and crafts will be remembered with love. She is a special and unique lady, who will be dearly missed. A celebration of Helen's life will be held in Merritt, BC and will be announced at a later date. Helen will be cremated and will be laid to rest beside her eldest son Ron Goulet and her eldest daughter Lynne Goulet at Princeton, BC Cemetery. **The Goulet Family** wishes to Thank the staff of Optimum Health Medical Clinic, Dr. Andries A. Smit and all of the nurses and staff of Coquihalla Gillis House in Merritt, BC, Judy, Donna, Dee Dee, Bonnie, Janet and Jane Caprian, and all others that have been forgotten to be named. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.schoenings.com](http://www.schoenings.com). Arrangements entrusted to Merritt Funeral Chapel, telephone 250-378-2141.