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Helen Joyce [Claridge] ROSCH was born on 29 July, 1919 in Edson Alberta - lived a difficult but rewarding life - and early in the morning of June 22, 2016 she slipped quietly away and found final peace. Helen was predeceased by her mother Annie Marie [Burnell] in 1959, her father George Claridge in 1969, and three husbands.



She was an only child, spending her early years on the Alberta Homestead, learning to love nature in all its glory, including the animals, but loving horses most of all. As a teenager in rural Burnaby BC, on her horse Rex, she rode the bush trails up and around Burnaby Mountain with a small shovel and a hemp sack, bringing home trees and bushes that she liked. Her father planted the young trees along the fence lines, around the house, and he lined both sides of the long farm lane with them. She married Louis Kuhn 1940 - 1946; Rudolph Petschl 1951 - 1969; and Willie [Wilhelm] Rosch, from Tulameen, 1970 - 2002. For over 20 years she happily lived out the life of her dreams with Willie, raising Arabian horses in the Similkameen Valley on a place she called "Hide-Away Villa Ranch". In 2001 a broken hip brought a halt to cleaning barns, as well as walking and riding the hills and meadows she loved. She moved to level ground in Tulameen, and two years later to a house on her son Edward's nearby property, where she lived with her beloved cats until her final move to Ridgewood Lodge, in Princeton BC.

Despite being a single parent for much of her adult life, she was a strong, resourceful, and fiercely loving mother, who with limited help, and a tenacity seldom seen in others, successfully raised her sons through rough and tough times. She taught her sons the two important lessons in life, that nothing is impossible if you really want it, and that love is the most important thing in the world.

Helen will be sorely missed by her three sons; David [Muriel], Philip [Barbara], Edward [Leanne], six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Her family wishes to thank the staff of Ridgewood Lodge, Princeton, BC, for the thoughtful care and attention that she received while she tarried there.

Helen's final wish was to be cremated, and she did not want a service of remembrance.

Friends and acquaintances who wish to honour her memory; please, plant a tree in her name.