



Agnes Rudeen

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Agnes Sylvia Rudeen was a resident of Salmon Arm from 1960 until she died in 2005. Born in Quebec, Agnes worked as a bilingual civilian secretary in Ottawa for the RCAF during WWII. It was there that she met her future husband, Flight Lieutenant Howard Rudeen. After their marriage in 1946 the couple moved to Saskatchewan.

In 1960, Agnes, Howard and their 2 children Vicki and Mel came to Salmon Arm where they enthusiastically embraced the community and the Shuswap. Over the years Agnes worked with the Department of Highways, and as a Secretary at Shuswap School. Her first love, after her family, was drama. She was active in Shuswap Theatre where she enlivened stage performances for many years.

Agnes was a woman who cared about civic life and duty. She maintained that if you have a talent—a gift—you should share it. She was a strong supporter of youth, and was a mentor to many young people, encouraging them to excel in their endeavours.

Agnes had a cracking good wit, and told a fine story. She had a flair for special occasions, and added extra joy to any celebration.

Notes by Vicki Rudeen