



REMEMBERING
Adalgisa Cecchini

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It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Ada on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the age of 93. Nina as her grandchildren lovingly called her, or Biz as her great grandchildren called her passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

Ada was born in Reana Del Roiale, Udine, Italy to Luigi Cattarossi and Amabile Francile (nee Cattarossi) and had 3 sisters and 1 brother.

Ada had an adventurous spirit. In April 1951, she went to work in Schaffhausen Switzerland at a purse factory. She continued to work there for 3 years.

In January 1955 Ada and Italice were married. Italice preceded Ada to Canada. She traveled on a ship named Saturnalia to Halifax, Nova Scotia and then by train to Nelson where she joined her husband.

Ada was a hard worker and distilled her work ethic on to her children and grandchildren. She worked most of her working years as a housekeeper and housekeeper supervisor at the Lord Nelson Hotel and then at the Hume Hotel. She

did this all the while looking after her family, home, garden and yard.

Their first home was on 6 lots, half of them were garden. Ada prided herself on the fresh vegetables that she grew, canned or froze for the winter. Her pantry was always full of canned peaches, pears, plums and tomatoes. The tomatoes and plums were from her own garden, along with many other vegetables that she would freeze.

Ada was an extraordinary cook and homemaker. Her house was always spotless even with a full-time job both in and out of the home.

She made the best risotto. None of her family, to this day, has been able to make it as good as Nina. Ada's children and grandchildren were taught the importance of being good cooks and she taught them how to make Spaghetti Sauce, Gnocchi, Chicken Tarragon, Bean Soup and Tiramisu. Although some of the family members moved away from Nelson, when she would go to visit or if they came home, she always made sure they left with many containers of Bean Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Cutlets or Naniamo Bars.

Ada had quite the sense of humour. One never knew what she would come up with. She would laugh so hard that she would be crying which made her family laugh and she would then laugh even more. She also had a beautiful singing voice which she rarely let anyone hear.

Ada's favorite words: Oh crap, Get Out Of From Here, Oh Shutupa You. Nina would always tell Sean and Amanda to "do uppa your zeetbelt"

We will miss her tenacity, determination, youthful spirit and kind heart. There was nothing that she couldn't do and she would try to do everything herself. This included climbing a ladder to prune the plum tree just after she got out of the hospital. Ada dug her own garden right up to the age of 92. Her family was number 1 to her and she was number 1 to her family.

Ada is survived by her daughter Orietta (Jamie); son Ivano (Lynn); grandchildren Sean (Amy), Amanda (Alex), Alicia and Mateo. Her greatgrandchildren Parker, Brynn, Ava and Owen. Also surviving is nephew Silvano (Helen) and their children Sara and Michael, Enzo (Patrizia) their son Matteo (Giorgia) and daughter Julia. Nieces; Claudia, Norma and children Alessia and Uri, Chelsa (Gino) and daughter Catia, Patrizia and her children Marco and Ciara. She is also survived by other relatives in Italy, Canada and the United States.

Ada was preceded by her husband Italice (2010) parents, Luigi and Amabile, mother-in-law Dosolina, brother-in-law Fred, sister-in-law Mary, sister-in-law Lynda, brother Ugo and sisters Rosalia, Anilla and Maria.

We would like to give a special thank you to Dr. van der Berg and the staff of the Ancron Medical Centre for all of the years of great care that was given to our mother.

Also, we would like to give a special thank you to the third floor staff and the emergency department of KLH as well as the ambulance staff for all of the care that was given to Ada prior to her going to Poplar Ridge Pavillion.

We cannot express our gratitude to the carrying staff of Poplar Ridge Pavillion and Dr. Knox for making her last few months a joy for her despite the restrictions of Covid-19.

We would like to acknowledge Marissa and Connie you were dear friends to our Mom. To the ladies of the CLA where she always enjoyed going to the meetings.

Thank you to Thompson Funeral home for making our loss a little easier during this very difficult time.

