



**HEGEL** — Frances Hegel (nee Merk) passed away on February 1 after a brief illness at her residence, St. Ann's Home in Saskatoon, 7 weeks short of her 100th birthday. She is survived by her son, Ed (Alice) of Saskatoon and two daughters, RoseMarie Larson of Regina and Florence (Brian) Gendron of Sidney, BC, seven grandchildren, Glenn (Coleen) Hegel, Carol (Arnold) Gelowicz, Carmen Gendron (Isaac Sobol), Colette Gendron, Simone Gendron, Yvette Gendron (Gilbert Rose), Rachel (Joe) Chirico and ten great grandchildren: Joseph, Alyssa, and Laura Hegel; Gabriel, Sebastien and Emile Rose; Luciano, Pietro, Chiara and Matteo Chirico. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, in 1970, her parents, five brothers, two sisters, grandson Lionel Hegel and great grandson Nicholas Hegel. Frances was born in Elsass (Odessa), South Russia on March 23, 1905. After the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 and the death of her father in 1918, she emigrated from Russia with her mother, Margaret, and sister, Mary, in 1923 to Saskatchewan where Frances met and married her husband, Frank, in Allan, SK in 1925. They farmed for a few years but Frank's poor health and the depression of the 1930's forced Frank and Frances to give up the farm and move into the town of Allan in 1935 and later to Regina in 1944. In 1960 after Frank retired, they moved to Manitou Beach near Watrous until 1970 when Frank passed away. Frances has resided in Saskatoon since that time. Over the years, she spent many creative hours doing copper tooling, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint and other crafts. She enjoyed visiting with many friends of all ages both in person and by telephone. Frances was known for her generous nature and devotion to her faith. Prayer services for Frances will be held in St. Ann's Chapel, 2910 Louise St., on Sunday evening, February 6 at 7:30 pm. The funeral liturgy will be celebrated by Father Denis Phaneuf on Monday, February 7 at 10:30 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. Interment to follow in the Allan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Frances, may be made to St. Ann's Senior Citizens Village, 2910 Louise St., Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3L8 or to a charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home.