

Hannah Grist nee Johnson
English War Bride
Franconia
April 10, 1945



HANNAH GRIST (NEE JOHNSON)

MET HER CANADIAN SOLDIER BOY
IN LONDON WHILE SHE WAS
WORKING IN A NAFFE CANTEEN,
SHE HAD SHORT CHANGED
HIM. ONE DAY WHEN HE CAME FOR CIGARETTES.



THEY STARTED DATING, WERE
MARRIED OCT 24TH 1942, IN LONDON
ENGLAND.

HANNA LEFT LIVERPOOL ON MARCH
29, 1945.

LANDED PIER 21 IN HALIFAX NOVA
SCOTIA, CANADA, APRIL 10, 1945 ON
BOARD THE FRANCONIA, WITH FIRST
BORN DAUGHTER LINDA ANNE....SHE
HAD MENTIONED THE FIRST THING
SHE SAW WAS ALL THE LIGHTS
COMING INTO THE HARBOUR....WAS
ALSO AMAZED AT HOW THE RED
CROSS ASSOCIATION HAD HELPED SO
MUCH IN MAKING THERE LANDING A
SUCCESS.

THEN TRAVELLED BY TRAIN TO HER
DESTINATION WINNIPEG MANITOBA
TO BE MET BY HER NEW IN-LAWS AND FAMILY. WHERE SHE WOULD
RESIDE UNTIL HER HUSBAND ROBERT OSWALD GRIST (WHOM WAS
WITH ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFELS FINISHED HIS TOUR IN NORMANDY)

AFTER WAR THEY LIVED IN WINNIPEG/PORTAGE/ AUSTIN
MANITOBA, THEN THERE FINAL HOME WAS IN SASKATOON. THEY
WERE BLESSED WITH THREE CHILDREN LINDA (BORN ENGLAND)
PERCY(BORN MANITOBA) SHIRLEY (BORN MANITOBA)

HANNAH'S LIFE WAS CENTERED AROUND HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE WAS A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY WHO BELONGED TO THE SASKATCHEWAN WAR BRIDES, AND LEGION. WHICH SHE REALLY LOVED.

SHE VENTURED BACK TO LONDON ENGLAND THREE DIFFERENT TIMES TO VISIT HER FAMILY, BUT ALWAYS WAS HAPPY TO COME BACK TO CANADA....HER HOME

SHE SAID SHE WAS SO PROUD TO BE CANADIAN AND WAS VERY PROUD TO HAVE MET AND MARRIED HER CANADIAN SOLDIER BOY.

ROBERT OSWALD PASSED AWAY AUGUST 2001

HANNAH PASSED AWAY JULY 2003



THEY HAD BEEN MARRIED 59 YEARS.....

THEY BOTH WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW THEM , AND LETS NOT FORGET ALL WAR BRIDES/VETRANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

WRITTEN BY THEIR YOUNGEST DAUGHTER...SHIRLEY