

**Ss. Peter & Paul UCWLC Canora Branch
Announces Passing of our President, Pat Marchinko**



June 29, 1945 - October 13, 2017

It is with sadness that we the members of Canora Branch UCWLC announce the passing of our president Pat Marchinko.

Pat has been a member of UCWLC for 41 years during which she spent 5 years as Vice President and 7 years as President. Pat spent many years helping at the hall for Church functions, perogy making and numerous hall preparations. She was always willing to lend a hand at the hall and at the church. She also read the Epistle (in both English and Ukrainian) in Church.

Patricia was born on June 29, 1945 in Canora, Sk to Tom and Anne (Basnicki) Keyowski. She was the eldest with three other siblings, Eugene, Ed, and Gail.

Pat married Bernard Marchinko in 1967. They had three children: Andrea, Jason, and Callie.

Canora was her birthplace; she went to school there, married and established herself in the community as a willing volunteer for many different organizations such as: Canora Veselka Dance for 26 years, Canora Volya Ukrainian Dance Group (adult) for 7 years, Canora Figure Skating Club for 27 years, Canora Multicultural Festival, Canora Heritage Museum, Parkland Music Festival Committee, Beta Sigma Phi, Canora Swim Club, UCY parent advisor and Canora Housing Authority. Pat was honored with a Saskatchewan Volunteer Recognition Award and Ukrainian Canadian Congress Nation Builders Award in 2010 for her many years of Community service.

As well as her community work, Pat was an Educator. After she received her Teaching Certificate, she taught at Gorlitz School, then with the Canora School Division. Later Pat substitute taught for many years (40), taught Ridna Shkola (35 years), taught Nursery School for 22 years, taught Sadochok and Catechism classes, as well as instructed aerobics classes. She was a true teacher and used teachable moments often. Many Canora students were taught Ukrainian Easter Egg painting by Mrs. Marchinko. Pat would come to the School year after year to instruct students the art of (writing) pysanky. She passed on many Ukrainian traditions to youth.

An Honour Guard composed of the UCWLC members showed their respect and love for Pat during the funeral service. She will be sadly missed by all.