Margaret Estella Bildson

It is with great sadness that the family of Margaret Estella Bildson bids her farewell – for now. Margaret left this world behind on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, surrounded by her family in an atmosphere of love.

No ordinary woman, Margaret had to fight from the day she entered the world on January 1, 1937, New Year’s Day. Although weighing in at under 3 lbs. she survived, thanks to the tireless efforts of her beloved mother, and the warming oven on the woodstove that served as her incubator. Margaret grew into a beautiful, self-confident woman. At the age of 17, she met the love of her life, Aubrey Bildson, at the skating rink, although she didn’t know it at the time. Aubrey prevailed and their 63-year-marriage survived the ups and downs of life right up until the day of her passing, with her beloved Aubrey and family at her side. Together they brought four children into the world, which resulted in 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and the recently arrived great-great-grandson Xavier.

Margaret was much more than a wife and mother. Over the years, her intelligence and business acumen facilitated her successful careers in both banking and business, with her and husband Aubrey’s final efforts going towards helping start up the family business, Prime Property Management.

Margaret was confident and assured, holding her own in any situation. Woe to any man who tried to patronize her! Fiercely protective towards her Aubrey and extended family, she was loved by all whose lives she touched. Too generous and quick to give gifts ... we are sure the flags at the Home Shopping Network are flying at half-mast in Margaret’s memory.

If our love is any measure of her legacy then she will be remembered forever. Ever the consummate organizer, Margaret has gone first to make sure everything is in order for those who follow. She leaves behind in Ontario her sister and confidant, Mona Clark (Doug), and beloved “baby” brother Reverend John Hyland (Donna).

Farewell Maggie and God’s speed on your journey home!

Love Aubrey, Bonnie and Randy, Brian and Deana, Lori May, Kathleen and Cris, Jennifer and Taylor, Jason and Leah, Melissa and Brian, Jennifer and Pierce, Kaylan and Brent, Olivia and John, Wade, Jada and Kevin, Aiden, Nyla, Sophie, Linden, Kathryn, Aubrey, Estella, Raegan, Bronson, Oliver, Joel, and Xavier.

A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at Oliver’s Funeral Home in Grande Prairie. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversfuneralhome.com