

Peggy Mylrea

Born in southern Saskatchewan 95 years ago, Peggy is an avid bridge player who consistently does well with different partners. Known as the feisty, attractive woman who bought a red sports car when she turned 90, she is still driving to bridge.

Peggy remembers when their only mode of transportation at the farm was horse and buggy or sleigh. Wrapped in blankets for a sleigh ride, they would be toasty warm with an oven-heated rock at their feet.

Peggy and her childhood sweetheart, Reg, met in Regina when she was in Grade 9. Reg knew he wanted Peggy for his wife from the beginning. After Peggy graduated from high school at only 16 years of age, Peggy's parents separated the two by moving back to Vancouver. Peggy went to business school and worked in offices.

Reg joined the navy and was stationed in Esquimalt. He found Peggy again and they dated whenever he could get over to see her. They married after war broke out in 1939 when she was 20 years old. He immediately returned to Halifax and she didn't see him again for a year.

She moved to Halifax, but of course, his work took him away. Their only daughter was six months old before he met her. Peggy decided to go back to office work. Because she relished challenges, she was often given extra duties that made her jobs interesting.

They moved several times and while Reg was stationed in Ottawa, Peggy was introduced to President and Mamie Eisenhower. Reg and Peggy were able to retire to Victoria in 1963. Peggy's passions included golf, bowling and travelling. Home bridge was enjoyed, but not taken seriously. When Reg died in 1997, Peggy started playing duplicate bridge and taking lessons.

Peggy continues to enjoy bridge, friends and family that now include two great-great grandchildren!

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