



**Date of Passing: June 27, 2009**

## ELSIIE NESBITT

ELSIIE CHRISTINE NESBITT (née REIMER) Elsie passed away on June 27, 2009 in Winnipeg, at the age of 95. Predeceased by her husband Ernest and her brothers Peter and Dick, she is survived by her sons Bruce (Carolyn) in Washington, DC and David (Wendy) in Hong Kong. She also leaves her beloved granddaughter Laurie in Hong Kong, her grandsons James (Melissa) in Singapore and Jonathan in Tokyo, her great-grandchildren Annaliese, Christian and Camilla, her sister-in-law Lil Reimer in Vancouver and many nephews and nieces. In particular she leaves her dear friend and advocate, Cristina Oelkers, who was a great source of kindness and affection to her in her later years. Born in Herbert, Saskatchewan in 1913, Elsie was the daughter of a pioneering Mennonite family; her grandparents and her father Peter Reimer settled in the area when it was still part of the District of Assiniboia, Northwest Territories. The family is grateful for Elsie's genealogical work in Canada and the UK, and for passing on her experiences in the Depression and in the Second World War, raising Bruce alone while Ernie was overseas with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Always interested in the arts, at the age of 56 she completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Manitoba. A celebration of her life will be held at St. Aidan's Church, 274 Campbell Street, Winnipeg at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 27, followed by a reception at the church. For further information, please contact Wendy Nesbitt at 204-299-4221. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in the name of Elsie Nesbitt to the Winnipeg Art Gallery (300 Memorial Boulevard, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1V1; tel. 204-786-6641 ext. 212). THOMSON FUNERAL HOME 669 BROADWAY, WINNIPEG, MB R3C 0X4 783-7211 Send expressions of sympathy at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com)