

## **Donna Jean Hodgson**



**HODGSON, Donna Jean** - Was born, along with her twin sister, Della, on Feb. 7, 1936, the daughter of Jack and Blanche (Rollins) Hodgson at Sarnia, Ontario. She passed away May 9, 2018 at the Vision Nursing Home in Sarnia. She was predeceased by her parents; brother, John; and brother-in-law, Ray Tomlin. She is survived by her brother, Dean, and sister, Della Tomlin of Sarnia; sister, Judith and her husband Geoff Sutherland of Kelowna, B.C.; Shelley, Dave and Dean Sutherland of Trail, B.C. and several other nieces and nephews. Donna was raised on the family farm and learned to drive tractors, trucks and cars at an early age. As a teenager, Donna was actively involved in community affairs. For many years she was a proud member of Jean's All Girl Choir and the Manduamin United Church. Donna was active with the Sarnia Township Junior Farmers, performing in Jr. Farmer plays and competitions all over Lambton County. Donna loved country dances and every weekend she and her friends would be "out and about" at the Blackwell and Sombra dances. Donna was a leader and chauffeur for her group and drove her sister Della and others throughout the country to dance and sing the night away. Donna was a happy girl who loved to socialize but she was also a very responsible person who cared very much for her family. As a result she spent much of her life nursing both of her parents through serious health problems in their declining years. In her younger years, Donna worked as a hairdresser in Sarnia. She operated her own beauty salon in Port Lambton in the late 1960's. However, the stress and strain of this business wore her down over the years and so she left that profession. In 1973, she successfully completed the Nurse's Aide Course at Lambton College and was employed at the North Lambton Rest Home in Forest for several years. When her family left Forest, Donna moved with them and spent many years working in Senior's Nursing Homes in Fort Frances, Petrolia and London. Donna never married and as a result spent many years keeping house for the family while working and caring for her parents and two brothers. This all took a toll and she herself suffered from poor health in her senior years. The family thanks the nurses and staff at Vision Nursing Home for the personal care during her last few years and the special attention provided during these last few weeks. Donna wants no special services at this time but a family memorial will be held and her ashes buried in the family plot at the Beechwood Cemetery in Forest at a later date. Donna would like her family and friends to remember her as a quiet but caring sister. Arrangements entrusted to the D.J. Robb Funeral Home, Sarnia.