

# Katherine Helena Shearer

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 marks a major milestone in the life of Katherine Shearer with family and friends gathering in Fredericton to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! As the mother of four children she is also the proud grandmother of four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Katherine, best known as Kaye to those who know her, always embraced the attainment of high scholastic standards. Graduating as an honour student from Saint John High School and as a medalist from the Provincial Normal School she was drawn to the profession of teaching. While teaching and raising her family in Woodstock, N.B. she went on to earn several degrees from the University of New Brunswick as well as a Master of Education degree, as a reading specialist, from the University of Maine ... all with high standing. To those who knew her as a teacher they will surely remember the standards she expected!

Kaye retired in the spring of 1975 having spent the bulk of her teaching career in Woodstock. While living in Woodstock she was a very active member of Saint James United Church where she could be found every Sunday in the choir. As a community volunteer she started a senior's exercise class which met regularly at the Legion as well as swim exercise classes both of which became very popular. As a traveller she explored the world exercising her talent as a "poet" recording her journeys in poetry.

For anyone who may wish to share a memory or send congratulations to Kaye her mailing address is: Shannex, (Thomas Hall) Rm. #131, 375 Rainsford Lane, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 7T1

Should you be talking with Kaye she will be quick to remind you that she is not "old", her birthday simply marks the fact she is getting "older". Perhaps that is one of the secrets of her longevity!

