

TUFTS, Edith Comeau — 91, of Saulnierville, Member of the Order of Canada and a proud Acadian woman with a strong sense of "Acadianness", passed away peacefully at the home she cherished so much and shared for many years with her loving husband, the late Daniel Tufts on Monday, December 20, 2010. She was the daughter of the late Willie Comeau and late Mary Murphy. Amongst her many accomplishments in her lifetime, her proudest moments



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were when she would make the introductions of her 15 children. A proud mother and devoted Christian who was always there for them when they needed her. Notre maman a tout fait pour nous, nous à tout donner. Pour elle, nous sommes ses filles et ses fils. Ses merveilles, son bonheur, sa joie, sa fierté. Ses enfants par-dessus tout. Chère Père du ciel, elle est avec Toi ce Noël, et ton royaume est enrichi avec la présence d'une ange qui sera toujours la plus belles des mamans dans nos coeurs. She will be sadly missed by Paul (Claudette) Tufts, Yarmouth; Raymond (Barbara) Tufts, Saulnierville; Gerald (Joan) Tufts, Saulnierville; Loraine (Ernest) Muisse, Little Brook; Lucille (Jim) Fitzgerald, Bedford; Valerie Pelletier, Halifax; Christine (Brian) O'Meara, Saulnierville; Claudette (Eric) Priddle, Truro; Melina (the late Gilles) Boudreau, Yarmouth; Mark (Cecile) Tufts, Connecticut; Janice (Paul) Sullivan, Meteghan Station; Yvonne (Steven) Saulnier, Little Brook; Eric (Debbie) Tufts, Comeauville; Lise (Steven) Gaudet, Fort McMurray, Alta. To her 35 grandchildren, grandma was special and her love knew no bounds. The room took on a special warmth whenever she was around them and her 15 great-grandchildren. Through loving eyes she would see them as "cute", talented and wise; they will always love and cherish her. La vie de ses petits seront

toujours enrichie de sa fierté d'être Acadienne. She was an author and an Acadian Historian; it all started in 1985 with a book of poems, "Emotions" written for her children. In 1977, a book, "Acadienne de Clare". In 1978-1979, she became the first Acadian woman to have published children's stories, making Le Petit Acadien and Esprit de Noël important landmarks. She was always ready to reply a "yes" whenever she was needed in her community. And so it is of no wonder the list of community involvements is extensive; but her devotion to her parish, Sacred Heart Church of Saulnierville and her heritage as an Acadienne was always of special interests. In 1960, she was the founder of the Association des Dames Patronesses de la Colonie de la Jeunesse Acadienne (CJA); the first Executive Director of the CJA; in 1975, founder of the Association des Femmes Acadiennes de Clare; from 1992-1998, representative of Nova Scotia French Seniors Organization (AAFC); member of FANE, Fédération Acadienne de la Nouvelle Ecosse. Edith was the recipient of many medals, honours and certificates, including medals from Queen Elizabeth II and their Excellencies, Jules and Gabrielle Léger in 1977; the Order of Canada, 1977; Medal of Ordre de la Fidélité Francaise, 1981; Honorary Member of Language Teachers Association, 1990; Honorary Doctorate Degree, Ste. Anne's University, 1991; Honorary Member of La Compagnie des Cent Associés, 1994; Officer of Ordre de la Fidélité Francaise, 1997; Certificate of recognition from AAFC, an organization representing French seniors, 1998. Besides her loving parents and her devoted husband, she was greeted at Heaven's gate by her daughter, Adrienne; and sisters, Gertrude Arsenault and Margaret Metcalf. Visitations in Meteghan Funeral Home, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, December 22. Funeral mass will be Thursday in Saulnierville Parish Church at 11 a.m., Rev. Father Yvon Dionne officiating. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, Saulnierville.

*We shed tears because she is gone
but we can smile because she has lived.*