## Virginia Kreklevich

February 17, 1936 – October 5, 2021

SWI President 2002-2005

FWIC Board Member 2006 - 2009

SWI President 2018-2021

Virginia Kreklevich — The First Recipient of the Colleen Kearns Memorial Volunteer Award! In late 2018, Foam Lake lost an integral and long serving volunteer, Colleen Kearns. In her memory, the Colleen Kearns Memorial Volunteer Award was created. This award celebrates one local volunteer each year who demonstrates a strong commitment to volunteerism in and around their community and displays leadership, and dedication. From January 2-31, applications were submitted with nominee information and letters of support, and in early April, the applications were reviewed by the appointed Awards Committee.

After careful consideration, the Committee chose Virginia Kreklevich as the very first recipient of the Colleen Kearns Memorial Volunteer Award!

Virginia has dedicated her time for well over 50 years to so many areas of the community, through her work with her church, TOPS, Foam Lake Museum. Foam Lake Water Park (operations and fundraising committees), Foam Lake Leisure Services Board, Briar Mound Women's Institute, Saskatchewan Women's institute and many more areas of the community where she lends a helping hand. Virginia has acted as Chair or Vice Chair in most of these committees, and is a leader when it comes to "getting things done"! You can often find her leading the pie making activity for the annual Water Park fundraiser, or catering for 100 hungry cadets with the help of her recruits! She organizes and works at summer barbecues

at the pool — even making the buns for hot dogs and hamburgers — we are so spoiled with Virginia around! She is always looking for ways to use her talent and skill in baking, quilting, sewing to benefit the community in some way —even donating vegetables from her own garden to a fowl supper or two!

She is a friend to so many, and someone who is highly respected in the community, which makes her the perfect recipient of this award in namesake and honour of her lifelong friend and

fellow volunteer, Colleen.