

Tribute to Hilda Law



September 1st, 1905, Hilda Ehrlich was born in Shattuck, Oklahoma. Her family decided to relocate, so in 1908, they literally “wagon-trained” to Canada setting up a homestead near Burgis, Saskatchewan. The closest “town” was a place called Canora, and that is where she met Jack Law in 1928 and they were married on January 4th, 1930.

It’s tempting to trace the epic journey that would lead them to Yorkton and taking in a homeless baby born without arms in August of 1960. Their sons, John and Terry were long gone so Hilda set up a temporary foster home for troubled youth. But an armless baby? Who does that?

All of these genealogy and DNA services are popular for good reason. People want to know where they “come from”. I’m lucky to know precisely where and why I am who I am today. Hilda Law!

Of course, Jack Law was a huge influence in my life and together, they were married for 66 years when Mom passed away in March of 1996. The photo of them together is a rare one but even more rare, are photos of Mom. She was notoriously camera shy. She was also extraordinarily humble believing that “anyone” would do what she did. I would never question her opinion but I think we can all agree, she was a very special woman!

I think about her every single day and I want to acknowledge a life that was well lived and deserving of medals! She would have been embarrassed if she got one and probably tucked it in her underwear drawer! But how lucky was I?

Happy Birthday, Mom! You changed my life and wrote a beautiful story that I am privileged to acknowledge every single time I take the stage. You taught me to never settle in life and that “there’s no such word as can’t”! I miss you and will always carry your spirit in my heart and soul!

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