

May Tihista

May Tihista, 95, died Friday, May 5, 2000, of natural causes in Valley View Home in Glasgow.

She was born Dec. 13, 1904, in Banca, France, the youngest of the six children of John and Gracianne Sallaberry.

She was educated by nuns at the local Catholic school, but she had to leave school in the fifth grade at the beginning of "the Great War."

She married Peter Tihista April 29, 1926. They came to Ellis Island on a ship in 1926 and traveled by train to Glasgow.

Peter had homesteaded on Fifth Point at the mouth of Gilbert Creek.



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In 1936 they had to abandon their farm to make way for the Fort Peck Dam. They lived in Nashua for two years, then bought a farm west of Glasgow on the Tampico Road. They moved into Glasgow in 1943.

Peter died in 1950. Afterward she worked for Shepherd's Glasgow Flower Shop and Baker's jewelry store.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and sewing.

She is survived by two sons, Mitchell of Sidney and Ronald of Great Falls; one daughter, Helen Marks of Glasgow and Los Angeles; a nephew, John Sallaberry of Malta; 12 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday, May 9, in St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, with Rev. Thad Kozikowski officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Bell Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.