



Miriam Lank
President

Branch: Meadowbank WI

Miriam Lank first joined Women's Institute in 1975 when her late husband, William Lank, moved his farming operation to Ebenezer in August of that year. Before the September WI meeting, a neighbour invited Miriam to attend the meeting with her, and she has been a member ever since.

In May 2003, Ebenezer WI awarded Miriam with her Life Membership. In 2005, the Lanks moved to Miriam's childhood home in Meadowbank after William retired from farming, where she joined Meadowbank WI.

Women's Institute was not new to Miriam as her mother, Flossie Hyde, and mother-in-law, Minnie Lank, were both members. Flossie joined Meadowbank WI in 1938 and was a member until her death in 2005. She had been a PEIWI Life Member since 1972.

Miriam is a dietician, and her working career was spent mostly in long-term care, and later included palliative care. Her career began in 1963 when she completed her dietetic internship in Montréal after graduating from Mt. Albion University in 1962. Her first position was at the provincial sanitarium in Prince Edward Island, which Women's Institute collected funds for and had built due to the number of tuberculosis cases in the province.

Miriam has three children: Edward, a professor in computer science at the University of Waterloo on appointment in Lille, France; Wilma, a nurse educator in Steinbach, Manitoba; and Wendy, a nurse practitioner in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where she is currently studying for her doctorate in nursing practice. In addition to her three children, Miriam also has eight grandchildren.