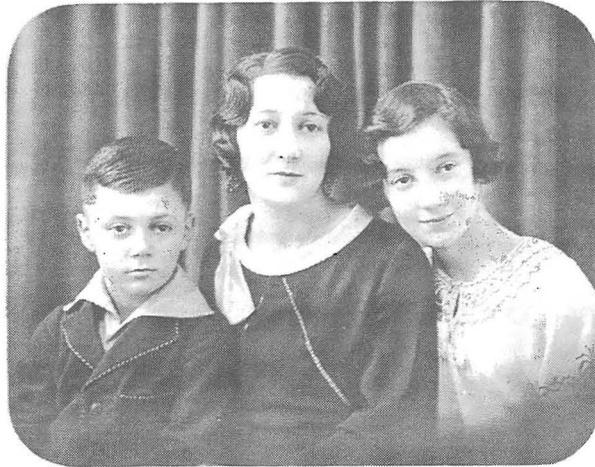


## ANNE GOFFMAN



“This little cat will go far”, her doting father is reported as having said when his last child, Anne, was born to the Muni Averbach family on October 31, 1909. Prophetess Dvorah, the renowned local Kochkleffel, tealeaf reader and fortuneteller, “Annele is destined to move far across the seas and marry one of those dashing Nover Kranker fellows—in my bones I feel his name will be Max and they’ll have a couple of kids—one of each brand, and believe me, they won’t get lost in the world! She will have many relatives and friends, all of whom will look to her for leadership and love (and a little shopping). Her love for her children, her nephews and nieces, her Hadassah and her friends is absolutely guaranteed to make her The Woman of Any Year.”

*To the left: Anne & Max  
Below: Erving, Anne & Francis*



Even the omniscient Dvorah could never have anticipated the heights to which the prophecies were realized. Devoted mother to Frances and Erving, Anne’s inexhaustible source of love reached out across generations and was returned exponentially. One did not have to be a relative to seek the privilege of calling her “Auntie Annie”.

Anne came to Winnipeg at the age of 13; she moved to Manville, Alberta at 18 when she married Max Goffman; later, with their two children they lived in Dauphin, Manitoba, until the subsequent move to Winnipeg in 1937. There were now six Averbach siblings living in Winnipeg. Anne and Max left for California in 1952.

These are the bare statistical facts. The story of Anne Goffman can best be told by the countless friends, nephews, nieces and succeeding generations who knew the incomparable warmth of her love and generosity. There are countless Anne Goffman stories—just ask anyone lucky enough to have met her, known her, been touched by this little “cat from Kaschiakouitch”.

Even after her death in 1989, Anne Goffman remains a special presence in our lives.

