

Barbara Mary Roberts

Barbara Mary Roberts passed away peacefully on September 21, 2022 with her family by her side at Mount St. Mary Hospital. She was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Margaret Ruston. She is survived by Richard, her husband of 55 years, her children, Hilary and Michael (Melanie) and her grandsons, Owen and Josh.

Barbara was born on January 8, 1945 at Sherbourne, Dorset, England while her Canadian parents were serving with the military in England. On the family's return to Canada, they settled in Parksville, BC and later in Victoria, with Barbara attending St. Margaret's school. She then obtained her teaching certificate at Victoria College. Upon her marriage to Richard in 1967, they moved to North Vancouver where she taught elementary school. She subsequently moved with her husband and children to Ottawa, Ontario. While in Ottawa, Barbara ran a floral arrangement business and taught English as a second language to immigrant students. Upon Richard's retirement in 1996, they moved back to Victoria.

A devoted mother, she was cherished by her children and was always supportive of her husband, family and friends. She loved gardening, water colour painting, and being on her family's sailboat. She was a longstanding member of a book club and a walking group, making many friends in the process.

The family would like to thank the staff of Mount St. Mary Hospital for their kind and understanding care of Barbara during the last 2 years and particularly for their compassionate treatment through her final days. Donations to the Mount St. Mary Hospital dementia care program <https://mountstmary.ca/> would be appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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