Bates, Maria Adrianna “Rita” (nee Veerkamp)

Peacefully on November 9, 2026, Rita passed away at Berwick House on Shelbourne Street where she had lived since 2021. Rita was born December 2, 1927 in Rijswijk, The Netherlands to Johannes and Johanna Veerkamp. As the eldest child of twelve she had many responsibilities with helping with her younger siblings. She emigrated to Victoria, BC with several of her brothers in the 50’s and worked a variety of jobs including food services at Royal Jubilee Hospital until her retirement. Rita was predeceased by her parents and her dear husband Earl as well as her brothers and sister-in-laws – Peter, Marius, Bert (Corry), Tony, John (Anna), Frank (Erika) and Bill (Virginia), Earl’s brother, Roy (Olive), niece Marilyn and her sister Johanna. She is survived by her brothers Theo, Leo (Yvonne) and Alfred and her in-laws Rosita, Tina and David together with many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Berwick at Royal Oak and Shelbourne for their many years of excellent care and compassion.

There will be no service by request.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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