

Beatrice Eileen Stuart (nee Duggan)

Surrounded by the prayers and love of her family, Beatrice peacefully passed on to rest in the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 (Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord). She was born on June 6, 1916, in Transcona, Manitoba, the daughter of William Patrick Duggan and Florence Ellen Mahoney. Predeceased by her husband, Frank Grey (1993); her parents, her brothers Jack, Homer, Harold and James and her oldest son, Richard Grey (2005). Beatrice is survived by her youngest brother, Gerald (Kenora); her remaining sons, Gordon Francis (Nancy) and Rev. Fr. Ian Charles; her beloved grandchildren, Alexander, Rebecca, Andrew (Andrea), David (Catherine), Kathryn and Christopher; her great-grandchildren, Rayna, Jace, Adrian and Callen and many loving nephews and nieces. She will be missed by the many friends she has made over her 97 years. Raised in Redditt, Ont., Beatrice graduated in nursing from Misericordia Hospital (Winnipeg, 1938) continuing on to post-graduate studies (Boston), then nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital (Kenora, Ont.), public health nursing in Winnipeg and finally serving her country as a Lieutenant Nursing Sister in the Canadian Army where she met Dr. Frank Stuart. They were married in St. Ignatius Church (Winnipeg) in 1945. Beatrice, Frank and the 3 boys came to Victoria in 1954 where she quickly became involved in volunteer and charity work with St. Patrick's R.C. Parish and School, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Louis College, the Catholic Womens' League and Development and Peace, making substantial contributions in all endeavours. In retirement Beatrice and Frank remained very active in Church life as well as travels north (Arctic Ocean), south (Georgia), east (Rome) and west (Hawaii) as well as many points in between. She fulfilled her greatest dream, to visit the Holy Land, in 1995. Beatrice happily lived the last 14 years of her life at St. Clare Villa right next door to her beloved St.

Patrick's Parish.

Evening Prayer Vigil will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 14, at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain St. (Oak Bay). Funeral Mass of Christian Burial is on Thursday, August 15 (Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary) at 12:10 pm at St. Patrick's Church. A reception will follow in the parish hall, followed by burial at Ross Bay Cemetery. Her family is deeply grateful for the many who have served and assisted her in her senior years and for the many prayers and Masses offered during the past weeks. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, www.devp.org. Condolences may be offered below.

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