

Bertha Mary McHaffie-Gow (nee Maher)

October 20, 1911 – April 5, 2012

Bertha passed away peacefully at Parkwood on April 5, 2012, six months after her 100th Birthday. Predeceased by her beloved husband James, a member of the Canadian Scottish killed in action WWII. Also predeceased by brothers Norman, Wesley and Howard; sisters Clara and Doris. Survived by daughter Lois (Bob) Waters; grandchildren Ray and Michele; great-grandchildren Amanda, James, Megan; great-great-grandsons Tobias and Nikolai; brother Stanley (Celia) Maher; sister-in-law Rosemary (Leo) McGillis; 15 nieces and nephews and their families.

Bertha graduated from Brandon Mental Hospital in 1935 and then graduated from the RJH as an RN in 1940. After a very rewarding Nursing career, she retired in 1972. Her love of nature lead to a hobby in Photography. She had several photos published, won many awards and was honoured as a Life Time Member to the Victoria Camera Club.

Bertha was overwhelmed that her entire family and many extended family and friends had come to be with her to celebrate her 100th Birthday in October. Mum, Grandma, Aunt, Sister and Friend – Bertha will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the RJH Chapel Fund (Alumnae Association of RJH), through the Victoria Hospitals Foundation (www.victoriahf.ca). A Celebration of Life will be held at MCCALL BROS. Floral Chapel on Thursday April 19th at 2:00 pm. Condolences may be offered below.

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