

Beverley (Bev) Sykes (Ford)

It is with sadness in our hearts, but a lifetime of fond memories, we announce the passing of our dear mother, mother in-law, sister, aunt, step-grandmother, and step-great-grandmother. Born in Ottawa to Lola and Fred Ford, Bev's family eventually made their way to Toronto where she spent most of her life. As a single mother in Scarborough, she was committed to raising and supporting her two daughters. In 1980, she moved her family to Toronto in the beaches. Bev spent most of her career working in the legal departments managing retail lease documentation at land development companies Cadillac Fairview, Bramalea and Hammerson and at law firms, McLean & Kerr and finally settled at McCarthy Tetrault from which she retired in 2004. Wanting to help others, she pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Bachelor of Social Work with Honours from York University at the age of 57.

Warmer climate called, she headed west to Victoria, and settled comfortably into retirement. As a mother, Bev was a pillar of strength and determination, with unyielding love, support and commitment to her daughters. She enjoyed painting children's portraits, travelling to countries near and far, diving into a good book, baking favorite desserts and coercing her garden.

She is in heaven rejoined with her parents Lola and Fred, her brother Ron, sisters-in-law Sandra and Carol, and brother-in-law Jerry. Bev is survived by her daughters Charene (Ron) and Dayna; siblings Lynda and Cliff (Dani); step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews Anissa, Mark, Nelson, Nick, Eric, Laura, Bobby, Ryan, Derek, Trisha, Darryl, and Tamsin; brother in-laws Al and Bob; and sister in-laws Jan, Elinore and Christine.

Her spirit, strength and kindness will live in our hearts

eternally. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Crohn's and Colitis Canada and Our Place Society.

A heartfelt thank you for the care received from Victoria paramedics and Oak Bay Fire Department, and compassionate care from the nurses and doctors at Victoria General Hospital ICU especially Anne and Janna.

A celebration of Bev's life will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Dr, Victoria, BC V8Y 1B4. Condolences, photos and memories may be offered to the family below.

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