

Blanche May Gwenelda Smith

Passed peacefully in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria BC. Predeceased in 1995 by her devoted husband, Thomas (Tommy) Henry Smith. Mum leaves wonderful memories of a long, happy and well lived life for her loving children, Wendy (Steve) Sullivan, Gregory, Karen and Kirk Smith; her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her life was further enriched by many caring nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbours.

Mum was a proud daughter of Saskatchewan. Born in Pelly and raised there and in Wadena, she graduated as a registered nurse from Saskatoon City Hospital in 1941. Following in the footsteps of her four brothers who were all active in military or civilian wartime service, Mum enlisted in the Army and worked as a Nursing Sister in Alberta and BC. In 1945, over a game of table tennis in the Vancouver Officers Mess, Mum met Dad and on Boxing Day 1946, they were married. They settled in Victoria, a city they both truly loved, where Dad joined the Victoria City Police and Mum presided over a very lively household of four children and frequent visitors! Following Dad's retirement, they enjoyed golfing, many trips abroad and the joys of grandchildren. Mum was always a willing and active volunteer at St. John's Church, our schools, with her SCH nursing alumni, The Y Auxiliary, Optimist Club and for 25 years with the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. In 2012, she was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for her many years of service with the Nursing Sisters Association. She was a warm and gracious lady and her ready smile and optimistic nature will be much missed.

Visitation will be held at McCall's Downtown, Johnson & Vancouver Streets on Sunday, January 10 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. A celebration of life and reception will be held on Monday, January 11 at 10:00 am at St. John the Divine, Quadra and Mason Streets followed by interment at Royal Oak Burial

Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be gratefully received by the Camosun College Foundation to establish the Blanche Smith scholarship fund for deserving nursing students. For further information, please contact Dana Henly at (250) 370-4233.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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