

Carol Birdene Marcelle Rayfuse

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Carol Birdene Marcelle Rayfuse on November 27th, 2017. Mum was in her 94th year, having been born in Ontario on January 14th, 1923. Mum passed away peacefully, having battled dementia for a number of years. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Josephine, her first husband Vaclav (Vince) Liska and her second husband, Thomas Graham Rayfuse, Jr. She is mourned by her daughters Martina, Carol-Ellen, Rosemary and Theresa, and her son Vincent (Connie). Mum is mourned by her grandsons Michael (Helena), James (Scott) and Patrick; her granddaughters Nerissa (Steve), Carmen, Alisha and Alexis; her great-granddaughters Brittany and Sara, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends scattered around the world.

Mum was a veteran of WWII, serving in the RCAF at No. 5 Bomber and Gunnery School in Dafoe, Saskatchewan. In addition to raising her children and caring for her family, she both studied and taught music and piano for many years in Victoria, BC and after graduating with her B.Ed. degree from UVic in 1975, she began teaching primary school. Mum always enjoyed travelling and upon retiring from her teaching career, she took up travelling in earnest. She crisscrossed the globe numerous times, touring on every continent including Antarctica, cruising the world's oceans and rivers, climbing mountains, crossing deserts, and meeting and enjoying a variety of people, cultures, and customs along the way.

Sincere thanks to her daughter Theresa, who has been Mum's "special rock" for the past few years, and to all the staff and caregivers at the Veteran's Memorial Lodge at Broadmead for their warmth and kindness and excellent care shown to Mum and to her family.

Rest in peace Mum –

you will be greatly missed and always loved.

A Celebration of Mum's Life will be held on Friday, December 1st, 2017 at 2 pm in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC. In accordance with Mum's wishes, she will be cremated and at a later date, her ashes will be scattered at sea.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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