

Catherine Evelyn Pearse

Evelyn passed away on June 11, 2022 after a short but valiant fight with cancer. She was predeceased by her husband Ben (June 11, 1982) and is survived by her daughter Deb (Randy), son Tom (Susan), grandchildren Matt, Kelly (Dylan), Katie (Jay J), Ben (Maleen), great granddaughter Kona and great grandsons Ben, Charlie and Jordan as well as many members of the Galeazzi and Pearse families.

Evelyn was born on December 14, 1932 in Cumberland, B.C., the youngest of six and last surviving child of Pietro and Caterina Galeazzi. She often reminisced that "Cumberland was the best town in the world to grow up in".

Evelyn moved to Victoria B.C. to attend nurses training at St. Joseph's Hospital, graduating in 1954. These years were some of the best of her life and she would often entertain her family with stories of the strict nuns and escapades of her fellow classmates. She spent her early years nursing in the Comox Valley and proudly ended her career as an Operating Room Nurse in Open Heart Surgery at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Evelyn was proud of her Italian heritage, both of her parents hailing from Coarezza, near Milan. She was a phenomenal cook and everyone looked forward to Nona's famous ravioli at Christmas, although she herself survived on Benson & Hedges 100's, coffee and slices of tomato.

In recent years she found new community and friendships at Cherish Community Living and we were grateful for the contentment she experienced there. She was determined and fiery, full of energy to the end. No one that met her is likely to forget her.

You are loved Nona and you will be missed.

We sincerely thank the entire team at Victoria Hospice for

their dedication, compassion and kindness in making Evelyn's final days as comfortable as possible.

A Mass in her honor will be held at St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street, Victoria on Thursday June 30th at 12:10 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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