

Christine Elizabeth “Betty” Rollins

Betty passed away peacefully on Monday, February 21, 2022 in her 100th year, having lived a very full and rich life. She grew up in rural Alberta during the depression years, moving to Edmonton with her mother and four siblings when she was in high school. She met and married Bryce Rollins in 1943, shortly before he departed for England with the air force.

Following the war, Betty and Bryce settled into life in Edmonton, and along the way they had four children, but there was much more in store for her. As a young wife and mother in her 30s, she defied the conventions of the time and enrolled as a fulltime student in Fine Arts at the University of Alberta. Thereafter she and Bryce embarked on a lifetime of adventure and travel. In 1963 they moved the family to south east Asia where Bryce was a Professor at the University of Malaya. Betty immersed herself in the local art scene, painting, exhibiting and teaching. This was just the start of their travels which subsequently included years spent living in England, the Washington D.C. area and finally in Sidney, B.C. In every location Betty pursued her art, made friends and had a positive impact on her community. She loved her family, her friends and a good party. She was known for her generosity, eccentricities, and elegance.

Betty was predeceased by Bryce in 1987. She leaves behind her children, Rick (Anne), Janie, Alan (Caron) and Wendy (Graham), her grandchildren, Patrick, Megan, Andrew, Stephen, Ethan, Elliot, Oliver and Gillian as well as her surviving sister Robin, extended family and her friends, all of whom she cherished. The family would like to thank the staff at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, VIHA, the Aberdeen Hospital and Dr. Vaughan, who provided compassionate care to Betty in her final year. The family held a private celebration of life in

Victoria. Donations may be made in memory of Betty to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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