

Claire Lucille Holmes (nee Desjardins)

Born in Cochrane, Ontario on July 6, 1931 – passed away on September 18, 2021, at the age of 90.

Predeceased by her parents, her first husband John Holmes in 1990 and her second husband John Tomczak in 2017.

Claire is survived by her brother Aurele, nephew Pierre, niece Marie-Josée (Richard), stepchildren Linda (Robin), Mike (Joan), Kim (Lisa), Tia (Bob) and Kerry, eight step-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

Claire was very active in the Sacred Heart Church, the Anawim Companion Society and, with John Tomczak, volunteering at Victoria Hospice over many years. Claire created Claire's Fund, a permanent fund at the Victoria Foundation which supports her favourite charities.

Claire and John Tomczak were made Life Members of Victoria Hospice to honour and recognize their long-term commitment and involvement.

Claire was an avid traveller and very much enjoyed keeping up with her relatives across Canada. She was super organized and detailed as well – lifelong traits she acquired from working as the Budget Director with the University of Ottawa.

The Family would like to give a huge shout out to the staff at the Kiwanis Pavilion who cared for Claire over the last 9 months – they were fantastic and very caring.

A Funeral Mass for Claire will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC. Please, no Flowers. Donations may be made in Claire's name to the Anawim Companion

Society, St Vincent de Paul or Victoria Hospice.

Condolences to the family may be offered to the family below.

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