

Doreen 'May' Smith

Our family is deeply saddened to announce that Doreen 'May' Smith passed away peacefully on February 28, 2019 in Sidney, BC.

May enjoyed life to the fullest and was truly loved by a great many people. Her warmth, smiles and optimism were infectious, despite her struggles with MS for most of her adult life. May was strong and determined with a wonderful sense of humour and regularly made friends wherever she went.

She is survived by two children, Theresea and Grant; five grandchildren, Richard, Kristen, Faron, Ashley and Colin and by four great-grandchildren Noah, Hailie, Zachary, and Azlynn May.

Enduring a hearty upbringing on a Saskatchewan farm, May decided to venture out to see the world and joined the RCAF in 1952. Soon she met Chuck – an air force pilot, they fell in love and were married in November 1953. Together May and Chuck travelled the world, raised two children until his sudden death in 1977.

Undaunted, May decided to stay in the Victoria area and began investing in real estate. Here she met Ernest Wilden and they started a new and adventurous life together filled with paintings, hikes, good friends and loads of fun parties. May and Ernest built their dream house on the shores of Saturna Island and lived in that tranquil home until Ernest's unexpected passing in 2008.

Knowing that health would temper her pace of life, May acquired a condo in Sidney in 2009 to share her time between Saturna and Sidney. She continued to thrive with humility and grace, accepting the gradual impediments attributable to her MS. In 2016, she published her marvelous life story after so many years of her kids and grandkids telling her to write down

some of these remarkable anecdotes.

By early 2017, May acknowledged that she needed more assistance with daily living and moved into Sidney All Care Residence (SACR). There she flourished with the fabulous level of care provided and again made more wonderful friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at SACR, 2269 Mills Road, Sidney BC, on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the MS Society of Canada <https://mssociety.ca/> would be appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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