

Dorothy Francis McCoy (nee Burrows)

August 9, 1918- July 4, 2013

It is with great sadness to announce the sudden passing of Dorothy McCoy. Dorothy was born on James Island and was one of three daughters born to Violet and Herbert Burrows. Upon the death of her father when Dorothy was three, her mother moved her three girls to James Bay. Dorothy attended the Sprott Shaw College and worked at the Royal Jubilee Hospital for 40 years, all but five years in the Accounting Dept. Dorothy retired in 1977, after making many friends, and meeting her beloved future husband, R. John McCoy, who has predeceased her.

Dorothy was an accomplished painter and teacher, and a favorite student of her teacher, Frank Bass. At one point in her life, Dorothy debated upon becoming a commercial artist. Instead, after marrying John, Dorothy became an avid breeder of Pugs and owned Uphill Kennels. She bred many champions over the years, and there are still many of "Dorothy's pugs" living on the Island. She was a honorary member of Pug Club of Canada and a regular member of the Canadian Kennel Club. Another passion of Dorothy's was gardening. She lived in various homes on Vancouver Island during her lifetime, and she always left each one with spectacular gardens every time she moved!

Dorothy enjoyed having people in her life and never really "retired." Dorothy planned to live to at least 100 years old, so that she could receive her birthday wishes from the Queen, upon her centenary. Those who knew Dorothy secretly believed she would live forever.

A reception will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at McCall Bros., Johnson and Vancouver Streets, Victoria,

B.C. Flowers gratefully declined, but donations can be made to The Land Conservancy (TLC) on Dorothy's behalf.

McCall Bros. Funeral Home

Condolences may be offered below.

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