

Edith Gunning

GUNNING, Edith Rose Sophia, passed from this world on Tuesday, January 14,

2003. She was born August 20, 1916, in Calgary, Alberta, daughter of William

and Sophia Gilson. Edith was predeceased by her parents; two brothers,

Edmond and Leslie; and in September 1998, by her husband, Alec H. Gunning.

Alec Gunning practiced dentistry in Victoria, B.C. for many years. Alec and

Edith were married in 1950 and the couple resided in Victoria thereafter.

Her early education was in Calgary; later she received a B.A. degree at

Brandon College, at that time affiliated with McMaster University. She then

graduated from the Faculty of Education at the University of Saskatchewan

and subsequently completed a B. Ed. degree at the University of British

Columbia.

Edith Rose (Gilson) Gunning taught at schools in Alberta and Saskatchewan

and in Victoria at Mount Douglas and Oak Bay Senior Secondary Schools. After

her retirement from teaching; from 1966 to 1973, she served as Alderman in

Saanich. She was also a Director of the Capital Regional Board, later a

member of the British Columbia Housing Development Commission and a member

of the Canadian Housing Design Council.

Edith Gunning was an active member of a number of community organizations; a

charter and life member of the Garth Homer Society, President and Honorary

Life Member of the Capital Mental Health Association and president of the

University Women's Club. In 1992, she was awarded the Governor General's

Confederation Medal for service to the community and Canada. Recently a

C.M.H.A-B.C. Housing development on Wilson Street was named "Edith Gunning

Court" in recognition of her activities in the social housing field.

Edith leaves next of kin, Kathleen Morris and many dear friends and cousins.

Sincere thank you to the many dedicated friends and caregivers who graced

Edith's life.

A Memorial Service will be held at McCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL,

Johnson and Vancouver Streets on Friday, January 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Graham McCall Family Centre.

Donations may be made to the Capital Mental Health Association, Victoria

Hospice or the charity of choice