Edith Helena Knapp (nee Beutelspacher)

With profound sadness our family announces that Edith passed away peacefully at Selkirk Place in Victoria on December 16, 2009. Edith was born on April 16, 1928 in Victoria to Helen and Walter Beutelspacher, and attended Sir James Douglas Elementary and Victoria High School where she graduated in 1945 with classmates who remained enduring friends. After initiating a lifelong interest in music and piano, she began her early career with the Bapco Paint Company and as a dental assistant in Victoria. She married Howard Bruce Knapp (d. 2001) on August 24, 1951 and they settled in New Westminster, BC. Edith was a devoted wife to Howard and mother to her four sons (Bruce, Paul, Peter and Steven) and was active in her community and church. The family moved back to Victoria in 1963 and she became a member of the First United Church choir, the 1st Garry Oak Cub Scouts, the Victoria Choral Society and in her later years as a member of Probus. After helping our family start Victoria Medical Supplies in 1974, she began her later career with Eatons in the Facility Management Department and then for many years as Executive Assistant to the Operations Manager for the Downtown Victoria store, which she valued immensely.. She retired from Eatons in 1993 to enjoy several wonderful holiday trips to Europe and Asia, as well as across Canada and the US with Howard at the motorhome’s wheel. Edith is survived by her four sons and their families: Bruce and his sons Keane and Hugh of Vancouver; Paul and his wife Sara and daughters Kate, Rachel, and Hillary of North Vancouver; Peter and his wife Sharon and daughter Hayley and son Trevor of Ocean Park; and Steven and his wife Linda and daughters Andrea, Kimberly and Jennifer of North Saanich; and by her brother Harry Beutel of Irvine, California, and his sons Curt, Brett and Marc. The family wishes to thank the staff of Selkirk Place for their kind and personal care of our

mother.

A private family burial service is planned along with a public service and memorial gathering at McCall’s Funeral Home on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 1pm.