

Eileen Mary Hitchman (nee Barter)

Eileen Mary Hitchman (nee Barter), born on June 26, 1925, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

She was '**Daughter**' to Frank and Eileen (Dartnell) Barter, '**Sister**' to Frank Jr. and Eddie and '**Wife**' to her loving husband Stanley.

She was '**Mom**' to Nancy (Norm), Vicki (Phil) and Brent (Patti), '**Nana**' to Ryan, Kaleigh, Jason, Lauren, Sara and Reid, '**Great-Nana**' to Ezekiel, Tegan, Elisha and Liam, and a loyal friend, aunt, cousin and neighbor to too many to count.

She was born, raised, and lived in the Kitsilano area of Vancouver until the young, handsome Stan Hitchman swept her off her feet and took her to the island paradise of Victoria. Married June 12, 1948, Eileen embraced her calling as a wife and mother.

If she wasn't in the house keeping it clean and tidy with something baking in the kitchen, she was out in the yard tending to some of the most beautiful gardens in the city. She also played the piano and knit (her signature piece being baby sweaters with 'ducky buttons'). She served along with her husband Stan on the Board of Wiseways Preschool at Lambrick Park Church for over 20 years.

A dear family friend described her as a beautiful, elegant lady, with a gracious warm spirit. That says it well.

We will miss her dearly, but know that her physical struggles are now over – and she is free and healed in the Presence of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There will be a graveside service at Royal Oak Burial Park,

4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria B.C. on Tuesday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m. open to everyone. A sharing of memories with refreshments will follow at 2:00pm at Friendship Community Church, 7820 Central Saanich Road, Central Saanich B.C.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Christian Blind Mission (www.cbmcanada.org). Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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