

Eleanor Frances Palmer

Eleanor ("Bunny" or "Nellie") Palmer (nee Burrows) passed away peacefully on Sunday February 24, 2008 from heart and respiratory complications. Born on September 29, 1910 in Birmingham, England to Nellie and Fred Burrows. She leaves her husband, Carl and daughter, Margaret (Mick) as well as her brother, Percy (Ruth) in Norfolk. She was predeceased by her brother Bill. She was a very intelligent but modest lady, a devoted wife and mother, a kind and steadfast friend with an impish sense of humour. A life long learner who had done so well in school that she was able to graduate early, with distinction in Latin and French, which lead to her love of languages. She was proficient in French, German and Spanish and studied Russian for 2 years. She had been an avid bicycler and at the age of 96 wrote a bike ride article that was published in a UK newspaper. She worked at various bookkeeping and secretarial jobs including Thomas Cook and Sons and after she and Carl moved to Canada in 1948, worked as a school secretary for 9 years at North Ward and Burnside schools. While in Ottawa and upon returning to Victoria in 1978, she continued her hobbies of gardening, reading, letter writing to friends (and to the occasional politician when required!), doing crosswords (in ink) and playing the piano. A most sincere appreciation to Dr. Blair, Angela Hope, R.N., Paquerette, Sharon, Lorna, Kathy and Linda and to the kind Glenwarren staff. A reception will be held at the Victoria Golf Club on Beach Drive on Sunday March 9, 2008 at 12:30 pm. If inclined, donations could be sent to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation.