Elia Rizzo (Santarossa)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mom and nonna after a battle with lung cancer. Mom is predeceased by her husband Angelo in 1998. Left to mourn are her children Vince (Susan), Louise (Gino) and her grandchildren Kayle, Soraya, Lorena and Eugenia. Mom also leaves behind beloved family and friends in Canada, Italy, France and Switzerland.

Mom was born in Italy and immigrated to Victoria, B.C. in 1954 meeting our father on the voyage over. They married in 1956 worked hard at multiple jobs, nurtured their family and built a business. Mom had a love for learning and travel. In her retirement years Mom found great joy in volunteering at Monterey Centre (20 years) and Abkhazi Garden. She was a member of Victoria Floral Arrangers Guild and other gardening related clubs.



Thank you to the caring staff at Amica Douglas House where mom spent her last nine months.

Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Andrew’s Cathedral on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. followed by interment at Ross Bay Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the charities she supported, Victoria Hospital Foundation and Victoria Hospice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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