

Elizabeth Kathleen Brooke Moyer (formerly Halkett nee Cornwall)



July 12, 1913 – March 20, 2015

Service

Announcement

After 101 generous, eventful and adventurous years Elizabeth (Betty) Moyer passed away peacefully at Deertrail Cottage near Duncan, British Columbia. Betty's friends are invited to join her family in a memorial service to be held at St Luke's Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd, Victoria at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.

After 101 generous, eventful and adventurous years Betty Moyer passed away peacefully at Deertrail Cottage near Duncan on 20

March, 2015. Betty was born on 12 July, 1913 at William Head Quarantine Station where her father, Ira Cornwall, ran the power station. Betty attended the tiny public school at William Head with her sisters Molly and Barbara and brother, Brooke.

The family moved to Victoria in 1928 and Betty attended Victoria High and Victoria College at Craigdarroch Castle. Betty studied to become a dietitian at the MacDonald Institute in Guelph and began her long career in preparing and sharing food. At various stages of her career Betty ran cafeterias in the Vancouver Normal School and Victoria College and worked in the diet office and nurses' residence at St Joseph's-Victoria General Hospital.

Betty married Alec Ian Halkett in 1941 and travelled with him to the Yukon where he served as an officer and pilot on the Yukon River paddlewheelers. For two years Betty and Alec wintered in a one-room cabin on the river. Betty was widowed in 1947 when Alec lost his life on the river. With the support of her large and close-knit family Betty settled in Victoria with her young son Ian and established her boarding house at 1951 Argyle Avenue where a generation of UVic students enjoyed generous and gregarious hospitality.



In 1979 Betty married Richard (Dick) Moyer and they settled into Dick's family home on Mina Avenue for what would be 35 very loving and extremely busy years together. Dick and Betty's life centred on their ever-growing family – Dick's

three daughters Ann Hyggen, Gail Mitchell and Jane Mitchell and Betty's son, Ian Halkett (in South Australia) and an always expanding intercontinental circle of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dick and Betty cherished their time at their cabin – their one-room second home – on the bank of the Koksilah River.

Betty and Dick participated unsparingly in the life of their community including St Columba's Anglican Church, the Strawberry Vale Community Club and Betty's energetic walking group. Unfailingly generous hosts, Betty and Dick made family and friends always welcome at their table and provided a home in Victoria for scores of visitors. Betty was a highly successful gardener who loved sharing her produce and flowers with her family, friends and fellow parishioners. Always a traveller, over the years Betty visited most of Canada, the West Indies, Australia (several times), New Zealand and the UK, always visiting old friends and acquiring new ones along the way.



In later years Betty and Dick left their home and large garden for a condominium at Gorge Pointe and then for an assisted living apartment at Lions Cove. Betty and Dick retired finally to extended care at Deertrail Cottage. Betty and Dick's family is deeply grateful to the staff at both Lions Cove and Deertrail Cottage and especially to the staff at Deertrail Cottage for the wonderful care they gave Betty during her final days.

Dick Moyer and Betty's extended family of Moyers, Halketts

and Cornwalls mourn Betty's passing and celebrate her long, fruitful and loving life.

A family funeral will be held at St Michael and All Angels Church, 2858 Mill Street, Chemainus at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, April 7th.

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In lieu of flowers we would be pleased if you wished to donate to a charity of your choice in remembrance of Betty. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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