

Evelyn Grace Sheldrick (nee Beattie)

October 30, 1928 – November 19, 2012

Evelyn passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Nov. 19th. Born in Macklin, Saskatchewan on Oct. 30, 1928, she grew up on the family farm in nearby Primate. She had wonderful stories to tell about her early days on the prairies even though farm life was often difficult. When the family moved to Victoria in 1945, Evelyn began working at David Spencer's Department Store. There she met her future husband Mason Sheldrick and they were married in 1950. They started their family soon after and Lyn remained at home to raise their three daughters. Due to Mason's involvement in local lacrosse, she became an avid fan of the sport and was a regular at all the Shamrocks' home games. A very active member of First Baptist Church, Lyn served in several roles. She was a deacon and trustee for many years, a member of the choir for 65 years, and served on a variety of committees. Known for her sense of humour, she also enjoyed telling jokes and performing skits and songs at church social events. Humour was a big part of her life. Quick to laugh and able to see the funny side of almost any situation, laughing until tears flowed was a common occurrence at home. The two most important things in Lyn's life were her family and her Christian faith. She was a strong woman with an optimistic yet practical outlook on life and she approached all of life's obstacles with grace, dignity and determination. Caring and compassionate, she was an inspiration to her family and many others whose lives she touched. Her greatest joys were spending time with family, working in her garden and being involved with her many different activities at the church; she also enjoyed watching lacrosse, reading, and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Predeceased by her parents, Lyall and Alverta Beattie, husband

Mason and sister Audrie, Lyn is survived by her loving daughters Janice, Tracey, and Dawn (Ken), granddaughter Paige, step-grandchildren Danielle and Liam and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was much loved and will be deeply missed. Heartfelt thanks go to the members of First Baptist Church for their support and prayers during her illness and also to the wonderfully caring people at Victoria Hospice who were so helpful to both Lyn and her family during her final days.

A memorial service will be held on Friday Dec. 7, 2012 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church, 877 North Park St, Victoria BC, V8W 1S9, with Reverends Ken Hillmer and Gord Patterson officiating; a reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Victoria Hospice or the BC Cancer Foundation. Condolences may be offered below.

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