

Fillis Joe

JOE (nee Lo), Felicidad "Fillis" Virginia born March 6, 1935 in Guangzhou (Canton), China, passed away April 30, 2015 after a courageous 4 year battle with cancer.

Fillis was predeceased by her loving husband of 52 years, Bill; parents Jorge & Virginia Lo, brother George & pre-term granddaughter Faith. She is survived by her loving children, son Gregg, daughter Salina (Sal Ruffolo), sons Wesley (Amy Chan) & Tony (Susan Froher); precious grandchildren Talia, Lorenzo, Thomas & Aurora. Fillis was born into a large family of 7 children, leaving behind brothers Charles (Agnes), Albert (Selina), William (Violet), Thomas (Esme), only sister Bernarda (Albert Wong), sister-in-law Margaret, many nieces, nephews & cousins in Canada, the US, Hong Kong & Peru.

In HK Fillis attended St. Mary's Canossian Catholic School. In 1957 she was a nursery school music teacher when she met her sweetheart, Bill. After their wedding reception at the famed Peninsula Hotel, Bill brought Fillis back to his home town, Victoria. Fillis eventually joined Bill at the B & E Food Market on Fort at Cook before selling the 30 year family business in 1988. Her experience & excellent customer service, work ethic & vibrant personality continued at the Hillside Pharmasave until retirement in 2006. She continued to be active in the Chinese community & at St. Patrick's Parish. Her strong Catholic Faith guided her in many works of community service including prayer groups, visiting the sick & singing in choirs. Her entire life was filled with music including her children's piano recitals & listening to her downloaded music to her last days. Fillis was warm & vivacious with a very active social life, practising Tai Chi, cooking, gardening, dancing, mah jong & mall walking groups. Following her mother Virginia's travelling "bug" she visited many continents in her lifetime. Fillis loved & was passionately dedicated to her family. She enjoyed special times with her

siblings, Bill's family & cherished her children & grandchildren. Their home was the centre of many warm gatherings as Fillis was well-known for her excellence in Chinese cuisine & traditions.

Her legacy will be left with the family & friends she kept united with her love & open arms. Special thanks in her last months & weeks to her sister Bernie & brothers/spouses who travelled here, brother-in-law Jon, nieces Elayne, Shirley & Yu, friends Lita, Cecelia & Henry, Liz, Norma, Vilma, Rose, Alice, Dina, Heidi, No, Liew & Leung families, choir & Villa friends; Drs. How, Ksienski, Kolodziejczk; amazing nurses, HCAs, doctors & staff of RJH PCC Oncology 8S & BC Cancer Agency. She will always be remembered for her Faith, positive outlook, unwavering kindness & generosity. Fillis is sadly missed but forever in the hearts of a multitude of family & friends.

Viewing at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2015; Mass to celebrate Fillis' life on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 12:10 pm – both presided by Rev. Father Alfred Alilio, music by Susan & choir & held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2060 Haultain St, Victoria. Internment at Royal Oak Burial Park followed by a reception at St. Patrick's Church hall, coordinated by Bruna & the CWL & generously offered by Lita. At Fillis's request, in lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to the BC Cancer Agency <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/donate> OR Community Living Victoria <http://www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/get-involved/make-a-donation/>

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