

Frances Elaine Abbott

August 23, 1934 – May 13, 2013

On Monday, May 13th, Elaine Abbott, beloved mother, grandmother and friend passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord. Elaine was born and raised in Victoria, BC where she graduated from Vic High and Normal School. A vivacious and popular young woman, she was crowned May Princess in 1949 while at Vic High. It was here, she met William (Bill) A. Abbott, her future husband. They were married in 1956 and after 7 happy years in Victoria they moved to Ottawa and then Edmonton spending a few years in each location as Bill pursued his successful career in the insurance business. In 1967 they moved to Vancouver where they spent the majority of their family rearing years. In 1981 they moved back to Victoria, where she lost Bill to cancer in 1987. Elaine is survived by her children, Rod (Tricia), Kathryn (Greg) and Greg (Gill) and nine grandchildren, Charlotte, Olivia, Liam, William, Tristan, Austin, Ethan, Lindsay and Jack. Elaine also leaves behind many family and friends who were cherished and important to her, especially her sisters, Lil, Nita, Pat, and Adrienne. The friendships formed in her Lambrick Park Church growth group of many years were very precious to her as well. Family was everything to Elaine and she demonstrated her devotion and love by nurturing the character and spiritual development of her children and grandchildren. Her happiest times were celebrating the many challenges and victories, small and large, of her children and grandchildren. Particularly happy family memories were the summer vacations spent at Beach Acres. A woman of artistic talent, Elaine decorated beautifully wherever she went, whether in her home or at her church for a tea or special holiday celebration. Elaine loved ballet, opera, and music and her beautiful voice could often be heard singing a wide range of songs with joy and enthusiasm. A great lover of nature, Elaine spent many hours

outside working in her garden, watching and listening to the birds and other wildlife, and going for walks with friends. It was here that she felt close to God. Her walk with the Lord was a great source of comfort and strength to her and sustained her through life's many joys and challenges, especially during the last few months of her life. She has "...fought the good fight, [she] finished the race, [she] kept the faith. Now there is in store for [her] the crown of righteousness" 2 Tim 4:7. Once crowned a May Day Princess, she has now been crowned with righteousness by our Father in Heaven for all eternity.

A celebration of Elaine's life will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at 1:30 pm at Lambrick Park Church, 1780 Feltham Rd., Victoria, BC. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Mustard Seed Church or Victoria Hospice. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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