

Gerda Caroline Adams (nee Strauch)

April 26, 1928 – October 31, 2014

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Gerda Caroline Adams, on October 31, 2014 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Born and raised in Wiesbaden, Germany, Gerda was predeceased by parents Johann and Fanny Strauch, older sister Hanna (Hill) and by her ex-spouse Dr. Robert McDonald Adams. She is deeply missed by her son Christopher and daughter Laura, her sister Lotte (Efird), and her nephews Bobby, Fred and Jimmie Efird of the United States and Vernon Hill of the United Kingdom.

In addition to being a homemaker, Gerda was a highly-experienced, professionally-trained ballet dancer, having appeared with leading ballet companies in Germany, France and England. She was also an instructor of classical and modern ballet (Cecchetti method) in the communities of Lakeview and Crystal Beach in Ottawa, Ontario. Gerda came to Victoria in 1992 where she not only enjoyed the scenic beauty of the James Bay area but conducted exercise and dance classes and guided recitals at the New Horizons Centre. She also used her creative abilities while enrolled in sculpting classes in the western communities. Her family and friends will miss her resourcefulness to the community as well as her versatile conversation and pleasant demeanor.

The family wishes to extend a thank you to Dr. John Stephen MacKenzie at the Royal Jubilee Hospital for his care, compassion and communication and to the nurses on 3S for their efforts and kindness. Flowers are gratefully declined. If desired, donations may be made to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, Wilson Block, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8 (www.victoriahf.ca).

A private cremation has taken place and, by request, no service will be held. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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