Gilda Ruffolo (née Naccarato)

Mom was a devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother.

As the Matriarch of the Family, she dedicated her time to cooking, baking, sewing, and very importantly cleaning her always meticulous home. Yes, you could eat off her squeaky clean floors.

Her passion was her garden, including tomatoes, beans, swiss chard, parsley, basil – but what really brought her joy was her Fig Trees. Mom could be seen picking and eating Figs right off the trees with such pride at the size and taste – we knew it took her back to her younger years in Italy. In 1962, Mom, Dad (late Luigi Ruffolo) and 22 month old Son (Ralph), set out to Canada for a prosperous future. The 3 set sail across the Atlantic, then the Train across Canada and finally by boat to their destination Victoria, BC.

Mom leaves behind her devoted Son, Ralph who was her full-time Caregiver and who never wavered during the last 10 years of Mom's life. I know that my Brother prolonged Mom's lifetime by being there for her 24/7/365 days of each and every one of those years. Mom also leaves behind her Daughter, (Me, Rita Soares), her gorgeous Twin Granddaughters, Belinda and Cecilia. Mom was one of 7 siblings and leaves behind her one surviving sister (Yolanda Boresta) in Cosenza, Italy. Many nieces and nephews in Italy and here in Victoria.

We have lost a very hardworking Lady who always provided her Family with love and dedication. We all love you and know you have reunited with Dad and carry on your love in Heaven. We are at peace knowing you are no longer suffering and that you are proudly admiring your Family from above.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church on 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC

Entombment to follow at Royal Oak Burial Park, 4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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