

Gillian (Jill) Rose Agnes Smith (nee Tait)

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Jill Smith on Saturday, December 9th 2023, at the age of 92.

Jill is survived by her sons: Ted (Janet) Harwood, John (Rae) Harwood, Michael Harwood and her daughter, Melanie Harwood, as well as step-daughter Marilyn (Peter) Fedak, eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Jill was predeceased by her husband, Dawson Smith in 2013 and her daughter, Lee Ann Brayford in 1994.

Jill was born in Vancouver to Harold and Ruth Tait on April 10th, 1931. She lived in Courtney, BC until the start of WWII, when her family transferred to Winnipeg, MB. She married George Harwood in 1953. After her divorce in 1961, she packed up her five young children and moved to Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, England to live with her father who had remained in England following the end of the war. While there, she met her husband, Dawson Smith and they were married on August 6th, 1965. In 1966, the family returned to Winnipeg.

Jill worked for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet as the executive assistant to Arnold Spohr and was also responsible for domestic and international accommodation bookings for all dancers and management.

Jill and Dawson moved to BC in 1979. There she worked for the Frazer Valley College Art Department in Abbotsford, and later, in Victoria, for the WCB until her retirement in 1996.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, watching Baseball and English football, and loved listening to Marty Robbins.

Cremation has taken place. A service of remembrance will be

held at St Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Rd, Victoria, at 1:30 PM, on the 19th of January, 2024.

Thank you to the staff at Selkirk Seniors Village, for the gracious care Mum received for the last years of her life.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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