

Gladys Mary Ann Walters (nee Balaberda)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gladys Mary Ann (nee Balaberda) Walters on June 22, 2013 in Victoria, BC at the age of 68. She passed away suddenly but peacefully in the presence of family after a recent diagnosis of cancer.

Gladys is survived by her children, Tannis and Jarret Walters, her son-in-law Todd Gillick, her grandsons, Marcus, Benjamin and Kyle and former husband Warren Gary. Born to Claude and Josephine Balaberda in Melville, Saskatchewan, Gladys was the seventh of 15 children. As the first of her siblings to pass, Gladys will pave the way for the six brothers and eight sisters who loved her dearly. Gladys was adored and admired by all and will be deeply missed by the friends and family she leaves behind.

Gladys was a hard working, professional and dedicated career woman. She attended a technical school in Regina, Saskatchewan and graduated as an x-ray technician in 1965, later settling on a career as an ultrasound technologist. Throughout her career she worked at St. Peter's Hospital in Melville, Yorkton Regional Hospital, MSA Hospital in Abbotsford, Mission Memorial Hospital and Saanich Peninsula Hospital, retiring in 2009. Gladys was also a successful Mary Kay beauty consultant who enjoyed making women look and feel good.

Gladys lived a very active lifestyle; she enjoyed curling, golfing and walking with friends. She loved travelling and always looked forward to her next adventure. Gladys was a devoted Catholic with a warm and generous heart who will always be remembered as very spiritual and loving person.

A Mass to celebrate Gladys' life will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, June 27th at SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Agency or Victoria Hospice.

The family is very grateful for all those who assisted and supported Gladys in her final days. Condolences may be offered below.

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