

Griselda Christmas (née Archibald)

Griselda (Bubby) Christmas, youngest daughter of Dr. Edward Archibald and Agnes Barron, died peacefully of old age at Dana's home in Victoria on January 24.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Ken, and is survived by daughters Gillian Sissons (Bob Ray), Dana Wessel (Jim), Victoria Fowler, Martha Lloyd-Smith (Michael), and son Ernest (Kathleen), 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.



Mum grew up in Westmount, QC, graduated from McGill in 1939, and married Ken. Pursuing her dream of a medical degree was an impossibility in the impoverished years of the War with Ken away in the Navy and several young children to raise. So, she turned to her next passion: writing short stories, plays and songs for children. She was an avid reader, athlete, animal lover, and independent spirit throughout her long and healthy life.

A move from Westmount to Victoria when Ken retired set the stage for our mother to crisscross the country many more times. A few years after Ken's death in 2002 she moved with Vicci to Ottawa, then again to Knowlton, before finally returning to Victoria to live with Dana and Jim. Throughout

it all she remained a gentle, gracious personality with her sense of humour intact.

We treasure our memories of her, cheerfully tolerating her cluster of children in our old house in St. Hilaire; walking with Dad along the shores of Bic then, in retirement years, Cordova Bay; riding her horse at the Fulford farm; or otherwise with a book in her lap and a dog at her feet. We will always have her in our lives and hearts, the same as Dad.

Sincere thanks and gratitude are extended to Island Health (VIHA) Home Care and Palliative Response Teams, and to her doctor. Their support and assistance were enormous.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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