

Gwen Harding

Gwendolyn Mae Harding born March 15, 1924 in Portland Oregon, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, May 15th, 2015 in Sooke, B.C.

As a teenager in the 1940's, she developed a talent for sewing. To help economize during the war effort, Gwen made all her own garments. Dressmaking became her passion along with photography. During the 1950's, Gwen worked for Pendleton Woolen Mills as their department manager seamstress. She became a leader in her field as a professional seamstress & accomplished trainer in the art of sewing. Gwen moved to Canada in 1959 with her husband Richard. Despite the rugged conditions of camp life, Gwen's pioneering spirit and creativity endured. From the mid 1970's – 2007, Gwen lived in Campbell River, BC. In the 80's, she developed her own alterations business, The Pin Cushion. She was loved by many and valued for her kindness, compassion and exceptional talent as a dressmaker.

She is survived by her five daughters, Joann Caldwell, Norene Schmuck, Irene Shane, Charlene Blair and Leeta Harding. Her legacy will be remembered and cherished by her daughters, twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the dedicated staff of Ayre Manor in Sooke, BC & Glacier View Lodge in Comox, B.C. for their exceptional care and love for Gwen in her final years.

Gwen's parting words were: "Oh Happy Day! Que Sera, Sera, Whatever Will Be, Will Be!"

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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