

Helen Margaret Polvi (nee Leake)

Helen was born March 6, 1933, in the small northern BC community of Port Simpson, north of Prince Rupert. She grew up in several different towns in the area before attending nursing school in Kamloops in the 1950's. She nursed in Vancouver, Campbell River and Comox where she met her forever love and husband, Donald. At the time Don was in the Air Force and their oldest son, Dean, was born in Comox in 1963. Five years later a transfer took them to Cold Lake, Alberta. After Don retired from the military, they moved to Edmonton where their youngest son Todd (m. Tina, daughter Sarah, son Dyson) was born in 1969, and they settled in for 25 years. Retirement took them back out to the west coast to Parksville for another 25 years, before finally reuniting with their sons in Victoria. A kidney transplant recipient in 2001, she and Don took excellent care of her health to ensure the new organ was successful. Helen was a lover of all things books, knowledge, and armchair philosophy. She lived her life without regret, she loved and supported so many unconditionally and was always game for a new adventure, no matter where that took her. Helen is also survived by her younger brother, Bill and his wife Mary, in Nanaimo, BC.

Helen passed away peacefully after a short stay in the hospital surrounded by her family on February 2, 2022, at the age of 88.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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