

Hildegard Charlotte Martin (nee Klassen)

October 30, 1912 – June 21, 2010

Hildegard died peacefully at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Philip Henry Martin and her parents and seven brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Wendy Porter (Robert) of Kelowna, BC; sons, Robert and Kenneth (Janet); her grandchildren, Charles Porter (Michelle), Tannis Porter, Rachel Oke (Jeff), Kim Myska (Petr) and Nicole Martin; her great-grandchildren, Chase, Callum and Ethan Porter, Adam and Madelaine Myska and Benjamin and Timothy Oke. She is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces in Canada and the U.S.A. Hildegard was born in Southern Russia near the Black Sea in the Mennonite Village of Halbstadt. Her family survived the famine and hardship of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, eventually emigrating to Canada as refugees in 1925. They first settled in Saskatchewan and later moved to Yarrow and Vancouver. She completed her nurses training at the Vancouver General Hospital graduating in the class of 1937. She and Phil were married in Vancouver in 1939 and settled in Victoria. Hildegard was a lively and energetic person with many friends. Her positive attitude influenced those around her. She was a supporter of many charities, an avid bridge player and an active church member. Her generous spirit will be remembered by those who knew her.

Funeral Service will be held in MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson & Vancouver Streets, on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Burial entrusted to Royal Oak Burial Park. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.