

Ilse-Waltraud Riemann (nee Schneider)

March, 10-1927-January 6, 2015

Ilse was born in Arnsberg, Germany, died in Victoria at Mt Tolmie Hospital, suddenly after a long struggle with dementia and heart disease. She was predeceased by husband Helmut in 1992 and is survived by daughter Sabine Rothe (Fritz), with grandchildren Michael, Carolin (Christian) great granddaughter Mia Maria, and sister-in-law Hildegard Riemann, of Germany; son Walter Riemann (Danica) with grandchildren Charlotte, Samuel, Jesse and William, of Victoria.

Surviving the hardships of World War II as a teenager through resourcefulness, two goats and a huge garden, Ilse went on to become an accomplished bookkeeper, homemaker, mother, hostess, gardener, and friend who used intelligence, hard work and courage to build a successful life for her family. Marrying the love of her life Helmut in 1953, she loved to bake for others, shop for grandchildren, and learn about new places. Ilse's home-cooked dinner parties at Ruschufer No 6 were legendary. The family travelled widely in Europe in the 60s and 70s. They Immigrated to Canada when Helmut retired in 1982 which was a wonderful adventure, setting up house overlooking the beautiful Shuswap Lake. Widowhood was tough, but she found pleasure in travel with friends, including riding a camel in Tunisia on her 70th birthday.

A celebration of her memory, with coffee and cake as she would have done it, will be held on Saturday January 17th, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 1521 Church Avenue, Saanich, BC. In lieu of flowers, donations to the BC Alzheimer's Society would be greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to the caring staff at Mt Tolmie, and Dr Lane Woodburn.

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