

Inez Alley

Inez Jean Alley passed away peacefully February 24, 2016 at The Douglas Community Care Home in Victoria. She was the beloved mother of Lindsay Hogue (nee Alley), Brent Alley and Andrew Alley, and was 92 years young. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Brenton G. Alley. Inez and Brent had lived in North Saanich and Sidney for over 25 years, before Inez moved to Carlton House in Victoria and finally to Douglas Care. She lived her life with love, dignity and grace.

Inez was born in Regina, the youngest of four children born to Ernest Edward and Gertrude Poole. She resided most of her early life in Edmonton, Alberta, although she attended Strathcona Lodge School for Girls at Shawnigan Lake, BC in her teens. When the war broke out, she moved to Montreal where she trained to be a registered nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. She was part of the "Greatest Generation," and although not directly affected by WWII, the influence of it made her grateful for how lucky she was in life. It was there she met her husband Brent who was stationed in Ottawa; they were married in 1946 and moved to Vancouver where Brent worked for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Most of their married life they lived in either Vancouver, or the Victoria area. When Brent retired, they fulfilled their dream of designing and building their home, in North Saanich.

Inez's greatest joy was helping others and visiting with family and friends. She loved hearing how her children and grandchildren were doing; a cheerful, loving mother who created beautiful homes and welcomed all who visited.

She is predeceased by her two brothers, John E. Poole, George E. Poole; her sister, Ruth Van Dusen (nee Poole); her brothers-in-law, John G. Alley, Patrick A.G. Alley and their spouses. She will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her family wishes to express their thanks to the wonderful staff at Carlton House and Oak Bay Community Senior Care, who supported her in living independently for as long as she could, and at Douglas Care, who provided the compassionate care that she needed near the end of her life and also, to Dr. Brook for his valued advice and medical care over the past several years.

Mom (Nana) never lost her gentle sense of humor and remained grateful for small, everyday things, like hearing a story, reading a book, visiting with black Labrador dogs (the only real dogs!), or enjoying a bowl of vanilla ice cream (the only real ice cream!).

A Memorial Service in her honor will be held on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 1pm at Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church located at 9296 East Saanich Road, in Sidney, BC, (on the road to the Victoria International Airport, south east of the traffic circle). The service will be followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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