

Irene May Kroeker (nee Nickel)

Irene May Kroeker (nee Nickel) passed away on February 14, 2019 in Victoria, B.C. Predeceased by her husband David, she leaves to mourn her daughters Arlene McDonald, Beatrice (Greg) McQuaid and Janet Kroeker, her grandchildren Jennifer (Mark), Daniel, Lauren, and Sarah (Michael), as well as her sisters Alma Penner and Elsie (Rudy) Klassen.

Irene was born on January 26, 1935 in Plum Coulee, Manitoba. She completed Teachers' College and was teaching in a rural one-room schoolhouse at the age of 17. When she and David married, they settled in Winnipeg and had 3 daughters. Irene created a welcoming home for her family and friends, supporting her children and husband in all their endeavors, pursuing her own educational interests, and overseeing mission work through the church.

When David retired and they moved to Victoria, Irene invited newcomers to Canada into her home where she taught them English and the intricacies of a new culture. Irene was a passionate gardener, avid reader, enjoyed travelling, and loved music, especially singing hymns. Her fondness of children was reflected in her close relationships with each of her grandchildren.

Irene's deep faith in Christ guided her throughout her life. On Valentine's Day, 2019, she joined her husband, David forever in God's keeping. We extend our appreciation to all the staff at Beacon Hill Villa for the professional, loving care they provided during Irene's last years.

A Funeral Service in Irene's honour will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Sequoia Centre at McCall's Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria B.C.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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