

Irene May Swailes

On June 8, 2018, with heavy hearts, we said goodbye to Irene. Irene was born and grew up in Port Williams, Nova Scotia with her 3 older brothers, Allan, Harold and Don. She married Gil in 1948 and began life as a navy wife, moving frequently back and forth across the country. Irene worked for Woodward's in the 1960's and then for the Bank of Montreal in the 1980's after returning to Vancouver Island to live in 1978. Following Gil's death in 1990, Irene met and married Bob Swailes and they were married for 23 years until Bob's passing in 2015. In 2016, Irene and longtime acquaintance Merv Witherow discovered many shared interests and soon became a couple. Irene's love of jazz took her to many festivals but her favourite times were at Hermann's Jazz Club, listening to CanUS play. Irene played bridge regularly with many longtime friends and belonged to aerobics and aquatics exercise groups for many years. She loved to travel and had many great adventures. She had a good fashion sense and loved nothing better than a great bargain on a pair of shoes. Her zest for life brought many friends into her circle and they remained there all her life.

Predeceased by husbands, Gil Beveridge and Bob Swailes and son, Rick. Survived by partner, Merv; son, Randy (Juanita); daughter-in-law, Sharron; 4 granddaughters, Terra (Paul), Alicia (Mike), Laurel (Mark) and Jess (Scott); 3 great-grandchildren Kaitlyn, Jonathan and Janie.

She will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, June 28, 2018 in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens (Royal Oak), 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Broadmead Care Society www.broadmeadcare.com/donate.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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