Jean Greenway

With great sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved Jean, who left us suddenly on March 7, 2025 leaving a void that can never be filled.

Jean was born in Farnworth, England in 1940. At just nine years old, she made the brave journey from England to Canada alone by ship, reuniting with her parents. At 18, she returned to England and began training as a student nurse. During a brief hospital stay for anemia, she met Ken, a registered nurse. To the surprise of their families, they eloped just four months later. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2024. In 1960, Jean and Ken immigrated to Canada to build a new life together, eventually settling in Ancaster, Ontario, where they raised their family. In 1996, they moved to Victoria, BC, to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren.

At the age of 40, Jean decided to pursue her dream of becoming a registered nurse, one she had put on hold to raise her family. After graduating, she worked as a post-op nurse at McMaster Medical Center in Hamilton. Throughout her life, she herself faced many health challenges and surgeries but met each one with strength, grace, and determination.

Jean and Ken shared a deep love of travel, exploring the world together. Their adventures took them to Italy, France, and China, as well as on countless cruises to destinations such as the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Europe, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Annual family vacations in Florida were a cherished tradition while their daughters were growing up, so it was no surprise when they purchased a home in Palm Coast in 1993. For 20 years, they spent winters there, creating wonderful memories and enjoying a busy social life with friends.

After 12 years in Cobble Hill, they finally settled in

Victoria again in a condo overlooking Beacon Hill Park. Jean enjoyed her daily happy hour with a glass of sherry, morning tea in “the office,” watching her favorite shows on her big TV, going out for ice cream, being by the ocean, and meals lovingly prepared by “Edwardo.” She treasured time spent with her family, especially during holidays. Christmas was her favourite—she adored decorating, particularly her lighted village display and Christmas tree, which she kept up well into March.

Jean loved her family deeply. She will be greatly missed by her devoted husband, Ken; daughters Cindy and Debbie, son-in-law Charles; grandchildren Matt (Lauren) and Austin (Mackenzie); and great-granddaughter Lily. They will forever cherish the love and unwavering support she brought into their lives. She is also survived by her brother Robert, sister Brenda and is predeceased by parents Inez & James Tatlock, sister Yvonne and infant brother James.

We miss her beyond words. May her love and bright spirit continue to shine and be with us always. We love you so much and know you are at peace now.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the emergency paramedics and Dr. Ward and team at Royal Jubilee Hospital for their compassionate efforts.

Jean wished to have a private celebration of life which will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the causes her daughters are connected to: the BC Cancer Foundation https://bccancerfoundation.com or the Victoria Hospice Society https://victoriahospice.org

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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