

Jessie Elinor Branter (nee Main)

Elinor died peacefully at the age of 97. Elinor was born in Calgary, the only child of Annie and William Main. Predeceased by her husband in 1962, mom was left with five kids, a mortgage and as a stay at home mother no paying job.

Without missing a beat, she got her agent's license and took over dad's fledgling general insurance company. She was a very practical woman who preferred "to just get on with it".

The United Church was a big part of Elinor's life. She volunteered countless hours for Oak Bay United through more than 60 years of service. She also acted as camp director for many summers at Pringle...always with the entire family in tow.

Mom had an unwavering faith and was fiercely loyal to family and friends. Being a child of the depression, she was incredibly frugal which came in handy over the lean years. We all still scratch our heads at how she did it. We had a great home and never felt we were missing out.

Elinor loved the outdoors and was very active in the guiding movement in her younger days. She spoke fondly of her time with Guides right to the end.

She loved to camp, hike, read and play scrabble. She was a big fan of large family gatherings, many of them around her dinner table. Not known as a gourmet cook, she did have a knack for Turkey dinners, especially at Christmas.

Elinor was predeceased by her parents, her husband Don, daughter Jocelyn and son Malcolm (1982); survived by children Larry (Susan), David (Julia), Diane, Doug (Christine) and daughter-in-law Denise. Perhaps the greatest joy in mom's life was the time she spent with her 14 grandchildren and 8 great

grandchildren.

Elinor lived in the family home until very recently. The family would like to thank neighbours Mike and Jocelyn Demontmarency for keeping an eye on her over the years and to next door neighbor Jane Moran for her frequent visits and friendship.

A celebration of Elinor's life will be held later in the summer, date to be determined.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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