

Jessie Lydia Williamson (Swales)

On November 9, 2012, two months short of her 90th birthday, Jessie passed peacefully in the arms of her family after a stroke. Jessie was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, in 1965. Survived by her daughter, Diana, (Michael), son, Roger and granddaughter, Marisa Palmer. Jessie was a teacher in the interior of BC and in Victoria during the 1940's and early 50's. She moved to her husband's home of Oklahoma and lived there for 8 years before moving back to Victoria with her two children. Jessie was always deeply committed to her church, as Sunday School teacher, pianist and a member of the choir. She participated in the Silver Threads Choir for many years as pianist as well. She moved to Victoria, from Manitoba, when she was two years old and lived in the house her mother bought in 1945 until she was 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old, except for the brief time in the United States. Jessie was always loving and generous to everyone she met. Her Victorian era parents were raised to be strongly independent, have solid principles and clear convictions and they passed these values on to her. Jessie had great passion for learning, philosophy and her cats. She has imparted a legacy of love to her family, which we will always cherish. She is now free to be "like the river running home to the sea". "Thank you to the caring staff at Arbutus View for the loving support they provided Mom."

A Celebration of Her Life will take place in the Spring. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the SPCA. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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