Jo Ann Linda Raymont Allan

Jo Ann passed away peacefully at her home in Victoria, BC with family by her side.

Jo Ann was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Childhood was difficult as her mother passed when Jo Ann was only 5, she had no siblings, and her father was later hospitalized for 2 years due to debilitating early onset arthritis. Her fondest memories were of her beloved Grandma Squires, but Grandma had to move to another province. It was another great loss.

Jo Ann married at 21 and soon had 3 children. Unfortunately, being a stay-at-home wife and mother was not her dream so she found this stage of her life difficult too. She was limited by the opportunities available to women of her generation. Throughout her life, she found solace in art. She was very talented – doing charcoal drawing, photography, painting, and ultimately spent many years as a Fibre Artist where she had displays at shows, won awards and taught classes.

After her divorce, Jo Ann's life was rejuvenated when she left Winnipeg behind to move to Victoria. It was daunting to move to a new city by herself, but her many walks by the ocean soon convinced her she had made the right decision. In Victoria she joined various guilds and clubs over the years, but her favourite organization was the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club. During her recent illness, her spirits were lifted when the Club made her an Honorary Life Member in recognition of her many volunteer contributions to the organization including coaching and developing their website. There are not many people who learn how to become a webmaster in their late seventies! A lifelong commitment to learning was Jo Ann's hallmark.

Jo Ann did not want a formal funeral service. Instead, we invite her friends to drop by McCall Gardens on January 17 at

10 am for food & refreshments, to share stories with each other, and to celebrate her art. You may take home one of her art pieces in remembrance if you wish. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider making a donation in her name to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.
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