Joan Gardiner

Joan Gardiner died peacefully in Victoria on 21 May 2025 at the age of 95 years. Predeceased by her husbands Dudley Edwards and Michael Gardiner, she is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Alethea and Rita, and her four grandchildren, Joseph, Chloe, Micah and Adam. Joan will also be greatly missed by her loving partner Robert Parker.

Joan was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1930, to Claire and Neville Wood-Wright. The family moved to post-war England in the 1950s and Joan worked as a secretary in the City of London, later joining Cunard as purser's assistant on the Queen Mary. She subsequently worked as an executive secretary for the Iraq Petroleum Company in Baghdad. She continued her travels around the world throughout her life, spending time in North Africa, Australia, Canada, Spain and China. Joan settled in London in 1990, a city she loved. At the age of 93 Joan moved to Victoria to be cared for by her daughter, Rita.



A special thank you to Silvia and Rosita as well as the staff at Amica Douglas, for their loving care and kindness. They helped make her last 2 years fulfilling, peaceful and pleasurable.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada .

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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