

Joan Innes Homer

Joan passed peacefully at home in Victoria, BC on December 5, 2019. Born in Loughton, Essex, England, April 12th 1921, to William "Billy" Cudemore, MC, DFC and Caroline Alice "Brownie" (Bodwell) Cudemore. In 1936, Brownie married Carol Fellowes, 4th Baron Ailwyn, who lovingly adopted Joan as his daughter. Predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Dr. Geoffrey Homer, Joan is survived by her three sons, Garth (Penelope), Keith (Dean) and Bruce; four grandchildren, Brendan (Beth), Delia, Geoffrey (Denise) and Christopher (Kristina); and three great grandchildren, Sam, Ethan and Ava.

In her early years, Joan attended St. Christopher's School and Norfolk House School in Victoria, and then Punahou School in Honolulu. She finished her schooling at Abbot's Hill School in Hemel Hempstead near London. She was presented at Court in 1939.

During the Second World War, Joan served in the British Red Cross as a volunteer nurse at the Canadian Officers' Convalescent Home, Garnons, Herefordshire, where she met Canadian medical officer, Geoffrey Homer, and in 1942, they married. In 1944, Joan gave birth to their first son in London during one of the worst V1 rocket raids, while Geoffrey was on the battlefields of Normandy. After the war, the family lived at Wrotham Park, Hertfordshire and Geoffrey studied for, and received, his FRCS. They then returned to Victoria to live and raise their family.

Joan volunteered her time to many causes which included serving as President of the Veterans Hospital Woman's Auxiliary. She loved dogs and horses and in her later days, she cherished her dog walks in the sun, rain or wind with her beloved friend, Molly. Joan's conservatory and garden were known for the herbs, vegetables and particularly for the roses she cultivated. For years she worked closely with her diligent

gardeners, Lorraine and Amy, to make sure everything was “up to snuff”. Fashion was a big part of her life and she and her dear friend Mary Henderson started a successful lady’s clothing shop, Impacts & Imports, in the 70’ s. She was a keen artist and collector and loved travelling with family and friends, just for the fun of it. With Geoff, she explored more exotic destinations.

The family thanks the caregivers, especially Dr. Jim Stockdill and Ms. Wilma Loberg, for the compassion and understanding which made it possible for Joan to remain at home with dignity.

A Service will be held at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm followed by a reception at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Garth Homer Foundation, online www.garthhomerfoundation.org or P0 Box 24022 Victoria, BC V8Z 7E7.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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