

Joan Kathleen Kenning

Joan Kathleen (nee Graham) passed away peacefully, after a long and happy life, in the early evening of July 13th, 2009 at Parkwood Court in Victoria, B.C. She was predeceased by her loving husband (of 59 years), Angus and is survived by their son, Brian (Jill); grandchildren, Stephen and Caroline; brother, Colin (Sylvia); brother-in-law, Ian (Margaret) and cousins, Ann Nation (George) and Gill Nelles. Born in Vancouver, B.C. on February 28th, 1919, "Joannie" always fondly remembered her early years with her cousins and many school friends attending Crofton House School and Bishop Strachan School in Toronto. Joannie travelled in Europe after finishing school in Brussels, Belgium. A life long passion for ballet brought her back to Vancouver and then on to New York where she had wonderful memories of dancing with the Metropolitan Opera and Ballet Company. The pull of family and friends brought her back to B.C. and she began residing in Victoria and working for her father, the well known and respected, Dr. Colin Graham (Kathleen). It was there that she met Angus, who was briefly home on leave from the Navy. They married after the war. Joannie had a long life as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Boating with family and friends and volunteering for many worthy organizations all combined for a full and rewarding life. Joannie will be deeply missed by her family, relatives and many friends and will always be remembered for her kindness, concern for others, cheerful warmth and ever-present smile. The family would like to extend sincere thanks to her wonderful caregivers, Pat and Yolanda; the staff at Carlton House and Parkwood Court, Dr. Ted Rosenberg, Anne, and Vikki. They all worked so hard to make the final period of Joannie's life as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, August 18th, 2009 in the Lady Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. at

2:00 p.m. A short reception at the church will follow. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the B.C. Cancer Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation , B.C. and Yukon Division.