

Kathleen “June” McDonald

It is with great sadness that the family of Kathleen “June” McDonald (Rumsby), announce the passing of June on March 16, 2020 in Victoria, British Columbia at the age of 81 years. June suffered a serious stroke in February 2019 from which she never fully recovered. June was born on June 14, 1938 to Alfred and Ann Rumsby. On August 28, 1965, June married her best friend and love, Joseph Peter McDonald, who preceded her in death in June 2015.

June was a wonderful, kind and gentle lady. She was a Nurse by profession having graduated from St. Joseph’s School of Nursing in 1960. June joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Flying Nurse from which she retired in 1964 in order to get married. Over the next 38 years until her retirement in 2003, June worked and travelled around the world; Canada, United States and Botswana.

June loved to see new places and spent her life traveling and raising her growing family in different countries. She was always ready for another adventure and over the course of her life took every opportunity to see and experience something new. In the 1960’s June jumped aboard a banana boat to travel down the coast of Central America, was brave enough to drive a battered beetle across Canada seeing as much as she could and was proud to be present when the Canadian flag was raised for the first time. She then moved to Jamaica where she experienced and enjoyed the reggae life, listening to Bob Marley perform in a simple Jamaican pub.

June gave birth to two children in Canada and two in Jamaica. Having children never slowed June down and in the early 70’s with kids on her and Joe’s back spent more than three months travelling throughout Central America. Next stop was Florida, USA and then on to Africa where she spent many happy years traveling throughout the continent. Her last adventure in 2019

was cruising down the Chobe River on a house boat, in Kasane, Botswana.

June is survived by her four children; Morgan (Steven) Brissette, Patrick (Jennifer) McDonald, Lindsay (Ahmed) Mangera, Alix (Lee) McDonald-Smith, her seven grandchildren; Nathanael, Steven, Brenna, Laila, Victoria, Liam and Hassan; her sister Stella Jacklin and her three sister in laws; Florence Stewart, Joan Angrove and Doris Rumsby.

A memorial service will be held in either August or September and more information on this will follow in due course.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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