

Letosława “Litka” Korbut

1914 – 2009

“Mrs Korbut” passed away at Victoria Hospice on Monday, May 18, 2009.

She was predeceased by her husband Cheslaw ; her parents Jozef and Kazimiera Ratajski; her siblings Wanda, Milosz, Zbigniew and Danuta. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and John Pigott; her granddaughters Victoria MacAulay (Jim), Maureen Pigott, Claire Pigott (John); her great-grandchildren Vanessa, Hannah and Adam MacAulay, Emily and Liam Carey, Evelyn and Paolo Kokkinos; her nieces in Ontario, Mary Murray and Margie Miller; nephew Grzegorz Ratajski and niece Ewa Szewczyk in Poland and their families.

Born in Tarnopol, Poland and trained as a teacher, she was a member of the Polish Resistance during WWll while her husband served with the Polish Air Force in England. They immigrated to Canada in 1948 and lived in Hamilton, Ont. Litka moved to Victoria after her husband’s death. A strong and loyal Catholic, her devotional poems were an inspiration to many and her handcrafts, especially her crocheted toques, supported several charities.

A private family funeral has taken place, with Monsignor Michael Lapierre and Fr. Sean Flynn celebrating the Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Burial took place at Royal Oak Burial Park. Memorial gifts may be made to Victoria Hospice Foundation, 1510 Fort St, Victoria, B.C. V8S 5J2.

Heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped Litka to live independently all these years and especially to those who provided her with such compassionate care on her last journey.