Margaret Cooper

Margaret (Maggie/Marg/Margie) Cooper, born March 17, 1938, in Montreal, died October 24, 2026, at home in Victoria, BC.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband Fred Cooper in 2017. She is survived by her daughter Diana Cooper and son Michael Cooper, and her sister Cathie Evans (Phillip) and their children and grandchildren.

Margaret grew up in Montreal. She attended McGill University where she obtained a degree in teaching. She and Fred met in Montreal, and they were married there in 1960. They lived in a few places in Quebec and Ontario, the longest being in Ottawa, where she taught ESL at Algonquin College. The family moved to Victoria in 1979, and Margaret continued teaching ESL, this time to elementary, junior high and high school students. She also attended UVIC during the summer sessions and completed a BA in French language and literature in 1993. She moved from teaching to the Provincial Government where she worked in Modern Languages and Multicultural Development until her retirement.

Margaret was a musician, playing recorder, piano, guitar, clarinet and saxophone…and a brief attempt at accordion. She was talented in costume making and produced many amazing Halloween outfits for the family. She was an amazing cook. In the 1970s Fred bought her an electric frying pan so she could make sukiyaki at the table. She once dropped a pan full of charcoal in the dining room as she was carrying it in for the Mongolian hot pot for Chinese New Year, which she had been preparing for 3 days. Burned holes in the carpet! She was curious and always looking to expand her knowledge on nearly any topic. She was proud of the furniture she made or rehabilitated. She skated to work on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa, loved cross-country skiing, camping, canoeing, boating, swimming and pretty much anything that brought her

outside.

No funeral on request. Please consider donating to a charity as a remembrance.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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