

Margaret Joan Dyson

Peggy was a native Victorian, born November 23, 1923 to Fred and Gertrude Butterfield (nee Burgess). Mum grew up in Fairfield attending Sir James Douglas school and then Victoria High School. On graduation in 1942 she went to work in the purchasing office of Yarrows Shipyards. In 1948 she married George F. O. Dyson and together they had four boys followed by twin girls who all grew up on Jasmine Avenue, in the Marigold district of Saanich. As the wife of a naval shipwright who was on sea duty a good deal of his twenty years of service the demands of raising a large family often fell to Mum alone. She became an accomplished multi-tasker, program director, counselor, and referee. Singing was her passion, sewing her profession. She took training in commercial tailoring at Victoria College and professional vocal training. Peggy worked for 20 years in the tailor shop in Woodward's Mayfair. She owned and managed the Theatrical Costume Studio for many years. She sang both as a soloist and in choirs on live radio, at weddings, and at numerous other events, large and small. She was a long time member of Victoria Operatic Society where she made appearances including "Buttercup" and "Ado Annie". Peggy also created hundreds of costumes for her studio, her clients, her children and grandchildren, and for numerous theatrical productions both amateur and professional. She sang lead for many years with The City of Gardens chapter of Sweet Adelines before becoming a founding member of the Arbutus chapter when the family moved to East Sooke. Predeceased by George, she is survived by her six children; Norm (Robin), Dennis (Sue), Ross, Gordon (Victoria), Karen, and Shirley, fourteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She passed away peacefully on April 9, 2009. We wish to thank the kind, considerate and attentive employees and administration of The Priory Heritage Woods and to her friend Neal for the outstanding attention and care over the last 18 months.

A service of remembrance will be held at McCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson and Vancouver Streets, on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, it is Peggy's wish that donations be made to Canadian Cancer Research.