

Margaret Leslie Wallace

Born February 18, 1921, Blackheath, England – died October 5, 2014, Victoria, B.C. Margaret Wallace, "hardy perennial", has passed away at age 93. Till her death she wore a ring with a blue stone made from a Burmese dress button belonging to her mother. Margaret [nee Howe] spent her early childhood in Burma, and as with many children living in the colonies, she was sent back to England as a 'Raj Orphan', far from her parents. These were defining years from which she emerged as a strong, intelligent, and creative woman. She trained as a nursery school teacher, spent the war years in Ireland and in 1946 married George Burton Wallace, an aspiring Irish artist. Settling in Falmouth, Cornwall to raise their young family of three children and then emigrating to Canada in 1957, they eventually landed in Dundas, Ontario where they lived until retiring to Victoria B.C. in 1985. Margaret and George were very productive in retirement; both were avid gardeners and accomplished artists. Margaret's artistry in contemporary fabric design was often inspired by the Celtic iconography of her Irish heritage. She was the matriarchal cornerstone of the Wallace family; husband, George [deceased 2009]; sons, Kit and Mark; daughter, Julia; grandchildren, Yshia, Rachel, Jonathan, Marieke, and Lucia, and great grandchild, Lauren. Margaret led a rich and creative life, and it is with great sadness that we witness it coming to an end. The ring, holder of secrets, stories and family history has passed on to Julia, who with her husband, Randy, so lovingly supported for her during the last months of Margaret's life. Thank you to all who cared for her. A Memorial Service will be held at St John the Divine, 1611 Quadra St., Victoria, October 25th at 10 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Victoria Hospice, 1510 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V2S 5J2. Condolences may be offered below. McCall Bros. Funeral Home www.mccallbros.com