

Margaret Mary Gelpke

It is with great sadness we announce the death of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother. The only daughter of the late Dora and Arthur Butler of Reading, England, she was born there and attended Jane Austen's Abbey School. She was a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing in London.

She had a career as an OR Nurse. Early on she had scrubbed for many distinguished surgeons including Sir George Pinker, Queen's Gynecologist, Sir Archibald McIndoe father of British plastic surgery and Mr. Dickson Wright.

She then moved to Rossland where she continued her OR career and brought up three daughters.

She was an enthusiastic collector of antiques, silver and ceramics and an avid and knowledgeable gardener and a lifelong supporter of the arts. She was extraordinarily well read especially in English literature and history and biblical studies. She was involved in considerable charitable work in the Upper Room and in building Our Place. She was a docent in the museum for many years and her tours were greatly appreciated. She was always very fit, often in the gym, had played junior tennis at Wimbledon, ran, hiked, swam, kayaked, sailed and was a certified ski instructor. She will be greatly missed by her family, many friends and her cat Hemi.

Special thanks to Dr. Kondra, medical and nursing staff in the 6th and 8th floor, Royal Jubilee Hospital. Charitable donations may be made in her memory to the Victoria Cool Aid Society, at www.coolaid.org.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 11:00 am at Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, BC.

Condolences may be left for the family below.

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