

Marie Annette Henderson

April 9, 1937 – May 7, 2012

For many years Marie has battled several illnesses, some painful, all debilitating. These were fought with determination and strength, with never a hint of self-pity. In January, another time of trauma, one that seemed to be overcome. Then in April a serious relapse, one with devastating results. Marie said then that she was ready to go, that she was tired and just wanted to sleep and not wake up. That request was granted with love and respect at 9:30am May 7, 2012.

With broken heart she leaves me – her husband, soul mate and best friend for 56 years, Norm.

She leaves to mourn our son John and our special loving daughter Dee-Ann. She also leaves Jeanette – her sister and Michael – her brother and good friend. Dee-Ann's children were always in Marie's thoughts. Quiet, helpful Jenna and not so quiet but always fun Jacob. I know Marie wanted many more years of mentoring these delightful youngsters, but sadly it is not to be.

Marie also leaves many nieces and nephews from both sides of our family. Thank you to all the family members that traveled to Victoria to visit Marie in the hospital.

Thank you Paulette, your warm caring voice would always bring a beautiful glowing smile to Marie's face. Thank you too for your almost daily visits with your beautiful harp.

Thank you to Judy and Norm Halls and Jenny Searle for unending help.

A very special thank you to Dee-Ann for the countless hours taken from her office and clients and the time taken from her

children.

There is a man who through the years has used his skills with dedication and compassion – Dr. Paul Terlien – our physician and our friend. There is Danielle, who in some mysterious way can always find clinic time when required. My appreciation to you both is heartfelt.

Thank you to everyone at Duncan District and Victoria General hospitals, your care and concern is much appreciated. To the surgeons, imaging people, the splendid ICU care, the love and care shown to Marie by her special nurse and now our friend Teresa and all the outstanding caregivers on the 7th floor south. There can't be any better at any medical facility in Canada.

Bless you all and please be aware that your understanding is most appreciated.

Wait for me Marie, I will love you forever! Norm