

# Marilyn Clair Wilkins

Marilyn was a very proud multi-generational resident of Victoria, BC. She was predeceased by her parents Arthur and Mildred Cann and older brother (William) Bill Cann. Survived by her husband, Cliff Wilkins and their three children David (Kim), Leanne (Trudy) and Cheryl (Greg) as well as their grandchildren Sarah and Keely Wilkins and Jocelynn, Rylan and Aleah Evans. Marilyn loved her many wonderful nieces and nephews as well as her "sister" Gail. She was grateful for the numerous friendships made throughout the years.

She attended the following schools: Cloverdale, Central, S.J. Willis, Mt. View High and the University of Victoria. She earned her teaching certificate and taught at George Jay, Doncaster, Braefoot and Willows schools. She loved working in the elementary grades and found great joy in working with children with special needs. She volunteered with the Canadian Cancer Society and visited schools to present facts to the children.

She married Cliff Wilkins in the summer of 1959 at Centennial United Church where they attended for many years, including her teaching at Sunday School and joining C.G.I.T. in her youth. She was also a Brownie and Girl Guide, took piano and theory lessons, joined many clubs such as the Red Cross, Glee, Y-Teens, Future Teacher's, Home and School, International Order of King's Daughters and Sons. Through the years she played grass hockey, basketball, bowling and baseball. She advocated for 9-1-1 in Victoria and was involved with the Epilepsy Society as well as volunteering with the P.T.A. at Doncaster Elementary. She enjoyed skiing at Mt. Washington and playing golf with Cliff and their friends. As a family they loved the many years of trailering with the Vagabond Trailer Club. They were also fortunate to be able to travel with friends to many locations around the world and enjoyed several cruises. Marilyn took up watercolour floral painting with

lessons from Caren Heine and this connected well with her love of flowers and gardening. Her crocheted lace tablecloths were intricately patterned, and she also knitted sweaters, squares and hats to help people in need. They lived on Tattersall Drive for 53 years and created many fond memories of their home and neighbourhood. They then moved to Falcon Ridge Estates volunteering and participating in clubhouse activities with their neighbours. Later they enjoyed The Victorian Retirement home where they met many of the friendly residents and staff. Thanks to everyone at Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney for their care in the last few months.

Marilyn was a kind-hearted soul who touched many lives. Her gentle nature was appreciated, and she was often referred to as the “sweetest person I ever met.”

In lieu of flowers, please consider performing an act of kindness or donate to a charity of your choice.

A Memorial Service, with the Reverend Alanna Menu officiating, will be held in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 2:00pm.

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