Mary Catherine Doyle

Mary Catherine Doyle, 77, of Victoria, BC, passed away peacefully on February 7th, 2023.

Mary Catherine, also Catherine, Cathy or Kate to her work colleagues and friends, was born in New Westminster on October 10, 1945, the daughter of Mary (Mimi) née Keary, and John Doyle. She is survived by her sister, Virginia (Ginny) Rainer of Toronto, Ontario, and Ginny's son, Matthew Terry. She is also survived by Kevin Parsons, her (deceased) cousin Patsy's son, and by relatives throughout the lower mainland and Victoria, BC.

Catherine attended and graduated from St. Ann's Academy in New Westminster. Upon graduation she studied to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She subsequently worked at St. Vincents Hospital in Vancouver and later enrolled in the RN program at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Following her graduation as an RN, Catherine stayed at RJH and worked the entirety of her illustrious nursing career there. She initially began her career on 2W and then moved to the Recovery Room, which was a place she truly loved being and suited her generous and optimistic spirit so very well.

Catherine was very sociable with a wonderful sense of humour, and had many close friends throughout Victoria, the lower mainland and farther afield. She took tap dance lessons until she was in her '60's, she loved her bridge and wine nights, and her book club. She was such a positive person and was always up for visits, brunches and lunches with friends and family. She was particularly thrilled to fulfill a dream by vacationing in Maui over Christmas in 2019 with her cousin Mike (from Penticton) and his children and four grandchildren. She grew close to two of those children, Oliver and Ben, whom she considered grandchildren. She loved family dinners at her cousin Candy's here in Victoria and a highlight was hearing

Candy’s daughter, Kate, play the piano so beautifully.

Catherine’s Catholic faith was very important to her and she was a member of Holy Cross Church. She proudly worked with the Syrian family that the Church helped immigrate to Victoria. She also had a close connection in friendship and faith with Father Dino.

In the fall of 2021, she became ill with heart problems and was given just a few months to live. After staying in Hospice, she miraculously returned to her home where she could continue a quieter, socially active life for many months, which she considered a gift. She loved the Arts community in Victoria and was a proud supporter of the ballet, symphony and theatre scene for decades. Catherine was known for her detailed gift wrapping – the ribbon always matched the bag and tissue inside – and her hand written notes were treasured by many. Whether it was a beach in Hawaii, or lunch with friends she would show up with her hair curled neatly, and always wearing lipstick. Catherine was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 3rd, 2023, at 1:00 pm, at Holy Cross Catholic Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria BC. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Victoria Hospice, Richmond Pavillion.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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