

Mary Diane Hutchinson (née Nott)

Diane passed away in the early hours of June 7th, 2021, after a long illness. She joins her husband Jack (Hutch) Hutchinson who predeceased her 40 years before. Born April 11, 1933 in Vancouver BC, to Doris and Morris Nott, Diane spent most of her younger years living with her family (and in loving rivalry with her older sister and confidant Beverley) in Smithers and New Westminster, BC. She met her dashing Hutch on the ski slopes and married soon after.



The couple moved to Victoria BC in 1960 which remained their home, although Diane often traveled back to the mainland and up island to visit her mother, sister and extended family. Diane was an important 'behind the scenes' supporter of 'Hutch's Kitchen Carousel' (Hutch's kitchen renovation business) and always made sure everything was looked after as Hutch laid on the fun, food, music and games at house and backyard parties. Diane was a fabulous cook; no one has been able to rival her lemon sponge or pineapple cream pies.

After Hutch passed, Diane spent time travelling both alone and with her long-time companion Ken Porter, working part-time at Sears, knitting or crocheting (many of us still have the blankets Nana/Mom made us!), volunteering at track events and the Gorge Road Hospital, doing crossword puzzles, watching Monday night football, and listening to talk show radio.

Diane leaves behind her sister Bev (91 this June); children Sue, Scott and Steve and their partners; 7 grandchildren (Nicole, Kristen, Devin, Lauren, Shaun, Jack and Cole); and 6 great grandchildren (Riley, Tao, Talyn, Scarlett, Mason and Violet).

Remembering, with great fondness, big backyard pool and deck parties, rousing (music and food-filled!) house gatherings, always wonderful meals, and countless summers at Sprout Lake, Diane (along with Hutch) cultivated in us all a love of cards and games, soulful music, dancing, camping, family dinners, and good food and drink. We hope Diane and Hutch are reunited now, watching over us and enjoying a rye and coke! We love you Mom/Nana. The family will hold a celebration of Diane's life when we can gather, hug and share memories of our life with Diane.

Thanks are extended to the nursing and care staff at Kiwanis Pavilion, for the quality care provided Diane since 2016. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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