

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Imlach



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our Mum, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Imlach, at the age of 90.

Mum was born in Glasgow, Scotland. She worked at a thread factory during WWII making thread for parachutes. Ironically, she met our dad who served in the British Army as a paratrooper, after the war.

Mum and dad emigrated to Canada in 1947 and after some time in Vancouver, they settled in Campbell River to start a family life. In 1969, they moved to Victoria which Mum loved because it reminded her of her days in Scotland.

In 1973, Mum started volunteering for the Hospital Auxiliary putting her vast knitting and crochet talents to work in order to help raise money for the gift shops.

In 1975, Mum started to work for Goldstream Catering. Actually, she didn't consider it "work" as the events were social and

the staff was like family. The highlight of Mum's time with Goldstream Catering was the David Foster Charity Events where she was assigned to the head table with David Foster. We often chuckled that David was the son she never had. Through her work at Goldstream Catering, Mum started a wedding table decorating business. Our house was often full of flowers for upcoming weddings as well as the baby clothes she had made for the Auxiliary Gift Shops.

In 1978, Mum returned to Scotland to visit her family, a tradition she regularly carried on over the next 20+ years. Mum travelled with her sisters, Cathy and Hannah, abroad to Europe, Alaska and many other adventures in between including the island of Malta.

Mum (also lovingly referred to as Grannie) loved Woodward's and never missed a \$1.49 day. Anyone who knew our Mum could definitely recollect her fondness of 'the good old days' of Wardair as well.

Upon reaching her 85th birthday in May 2008, Mum received a 35 year volunteer pin from the Hospital Auxiliary. Due to failing eyesight in her later years, Mum had to retire from her volunteer work. She did, however, continue to knit and crochet lovely baby items for her great grandchildren.

On behalf of the family, we would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Beacon Home Services and the wonderful staff at the Waterview Unit at the Gorge Hospital, for their care of our Mum in her final years.

Mum is survived by her three sons: Alex (Kathy), Ian (Chris), Glen; her daughter Catherine; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. As well as family in Britain including her sister Hannah and her family and brother Billy and his family.

No service by request.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Hospital Auxiliary gift shops in Mum's name would be greatly appreciated.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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