

# Mary Garland Coleman (nee King)

Passed away peacefully at Mount Saint Mary on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> aged 93. Born in Vancouver to the Rev. Harold and Eileen King, Mary was one of eight siblings. Married in 1938 to the Rev. Michael Coleman, Mary moved to London England...just as Europe was lurching towards war! Upon returning to Canada, she and Michael served in parishes in Victoria and Duncan. When Michael was elected Bishop of Qu'Appelle in 1950, they moved to Regina. They retired to Pender Island in 1960 but after Michael died in 1969, Mary lived in Duncan and Vancouver before finally settling in Victoria. Predeceased by her parents and six of her siblings, Mary is survived by her younger brother Charlie (Polly) King in Ottawa, her four children: Rosemary (Bob) Watts, Michael (Barb) Coleman, Sally (Dick) Tuckey and Chris (Judith) Coleman, 18 grandchildren and partners, 18 great-grandchildren (soon to be 19) and a litany of extended family members and friends. A lady of great grace and faith, Mary was a published poet, a voracious reader (an honorary Life Member of JASNA), a loyal associate of the Sisters of Saint John the Divine, a passionately proud family matriarch, and an immediate friend to all those she met (and yes, she did remember each one of your birthdays!). The family would like to thank Dr. Grimwood and Dr. Bays and all the staff at Mount Saint Mary; your daily kindnesses were very much appreciated.

Funeral Service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria at 11:00 am on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Christ Church Cathedral or the Mount Saint Mary Foundation....and, true to Mary's spirit, you could read a poem to a loved one. Condolences may be offered to the family below

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