

# **Mona Gabriel Macgillivray (nee Walsh)**

December 16, 1921 to June 17, 2009

Mona Macgillivray passed away peacefully in Victoria, at the age of 87 years. Born in Calgary on December 16, 1921 to parents, Letty and Joseph Walsh, Mona lived in Vancouver and Victoria. She was an alumna of Little Flower Academy and St. Ann's Academy and maintained a strong connection to the Sisters of St. Ann throughout her life. Our Mum was a kind and gracious lady, a blessing to her family and friends. She was a lifelong supporter of the Catholic Church and C.W.L. Mona received a medal from the Diocese of Victoria for her lifelong dedication which included over forty years of creating magnificent flower arrangements at St. Patrick's Church. To her extended family, Mona, a.k.a. "Papa," was famous for her unstinting love, understanding and humour, as well as her endless supply of shortbread, fudge, orange jelly and lemon meringue pies. To the Macgillivray's across Canada she was known as the "Aunty with the Hats" and the contributor of wickedly funny song lyrics. Mona was predeceased by her sister, Patricia and husband, Allan. She is dearly missed by her children, Letty Simpson, David (Linda), Paddy Robertson (Stewart) and Moira Gill (Michael); eight grandchildren and her nine treasured great-grandchildren. She is also lovingly remembered by her cousins in Ireland and her many cherished lifelong friends. Special gratitude goes to Fr. Ian Stuart for his spiritual care in her last days. Our great thanks and appreciation go to the staff at Selkirk Place for their love and care.

Prayers will be offered at St. Patrick's Church on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Funeral Mass to be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 12:10 pm with the Reverend Father Ho officiating. In

lieu of the flowers Mona loved so dearly, please make a donation to a cause of your choice.