

Nora Oliver Higgin (née Cooper)

Nora died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on October 18, 2015. She will be deeply missed by her beloved husband of 72 years, Edmund John William Higgin, their five children John (Saby), Judith, Robert (Valerie), Susan (Michael Gains), and Catherine (Rexford McRae), 15 grandchildren Sonya, Dan, Michael, Laura, Theresa, Brad, Brian, Joe, John, Adam, Chris, Nick, Trevor, Brandon, Vanessa and 21 great-grandchildren. Nora was born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia on May 10, 1921. She is reunited with her mother Mary Madeline Cooper (née Higgins) and father Ross Herbert Cooper.

Early life saw the family following her father, a civil engineer, around North America. Nora and Edmund met in 1943 in the Château Laurier, Ottawa while she was a ticketing agent for Trans Canada Airlines and he a Flying Officer in the RCAF. After a whirlwind wartime engagement they were married in All Saints Church, Ottawa. In 1965, Nora and Ed moved to Victoria, after a wonderful career with the RCAF which spanned 25 years and many cities throughout North America. In Victoria, they started a new chapter with the opening of Victoria's premier store for handmade art, The Handloom. There Nora introduced to the general public many of this Province's best known craftspeople and artists from all areas of BC including the Queen Charlotte Islands. Nora and Ed travelled extensively throughout Canada and the United States and made trips to England and Asia. They were long time members of the Uplands Golf Club, Victoria Probus and Victoria Kiwanas Club. Nora often said, "I'm the luckiest woman in the world. Thank you, Ed, for bringing me to Victoria. It was the second best decision you EVER made."

The family wishes especially to thank Dr. Rosenberg and his team, Reverend Richard LeSueur, and the support workers from

We Care and staff of Victoria Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 23, 2015 at McCall's Downtown, Johnson & Vancouver Streets.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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