

Norah Jean Brown

Norah was born in Chilliwack, BC, the daughter of John and Eulalie Wheeler. After completing her schooling in Chilliwack, she then attended UBC, obtained her Teaching Certificate and taught in Yarrow Public School.

She met her husband, Archie, who was a young officer at the Royal Canadian School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack. Married in 1957, Norah and Archie spent the next 3 decades at military locations in: Gagetown, NB; Werl and Soest, Germany; Chilliwack; Norfolk, Virginia; Montreal; Ottawa; Kingston and Trenton. In 1989, upon Archie's retirement from the Canadian Forces, he was invited to join the University College of the Cariboo (now Thompson Rivers University) and they moved to Kamloops. After 5 busy and enjoyable years they retired to Victoria in 1994. By Norah's count she had to organize 22 different kitchens because of all the moves!

A lovely lady with a reserved and gracious manner, she possessed a subtle sense of humour and excellent organizing skills. Comfortable in meeting with people, she was an effective partner in establishing the family in both the military and civilian communities in which they resided. A talented homemaker and gardener, she made each home comfortable and a pleasure to the eye. She was Archie's perfect partner for the 66 years of their marriage.

She enjoyed meeting new friends in each community and as a caring person she volunteered in several hospitals during her many moves. She was particularly fond of her nieces and nephews on both sides of the family and stayed connected with them regardless of location. A resolute cat fancier, her cats travelled with her in all her moves – even to Germany twice!

Special thanks and appreciation are given to the individuals and teams for their efforts in easing the last year of Norah's

life: Dr G Luckhurst, the Royal Jubilee Hospital Gerontology Centre, The Saanich Community Health Nurses, the Paramedics and the doctors and nurses in the VGH Emergency Department.

Cremation has taken place and by request no formal services will be held. A private family service will be held at a later date.

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