

Patricia Iva Buchan (nee Cameron)

Patricia Iva Buchan (nee Cameron) passed away peacefully on January 29, 2016, after a brief stay in hospital.

Pat, born on October 3, 1934, lived her life in Victoria, the last 50 years at the family home where she raised her family. Pat was a devoted wife, mom and friend, who spent her life on those she loved. Mom was an A student through school, active in CGIT, dance club and school service clubs in her teen years. She graduated from Victoria High in 1952, voted most likely to become a modern dancer. An accomplished ballerina, she taught ballet at the *Clough School of Dancing* before moving on to work at BC Hydro, Home Service division. Pat married her high school sweetheart, Al, in 1955. Both were active in the local Jaycee Service club for several years. In 1961, Pat retired from her job to focus on her passion – raising their children. Mom created a nurturing backdrop for our growing years. She was intelligent and articulate, generous, an excellent seamstress, chef and baker, nutritionist, gardener, avid reader, editor, Scrabble and crossword master extraordinaire. She loved entertaining, and frequently made herself and home available for neighbourhood children and friends to hang out. Mom also loved walking, rain or shine, particularly along the beach. She and Al travelled the world via business trips, exploring many European and tropical locales. Mom supported her offspring's various athletic and academic interests, from billeting teams, supplying baking for fundraisers, laundering uniforms, manning score boxes to pre-test quizzing and essay editing. As her children grew to adulthood, Mom turned her attention to volunteering, and in time, to her much loved, precious grandchildren and great-granddaughter. Her faith undergirded her through it all.

Pat was predeceased by her parents, Vera & Bill Cameron; Al's parents, James and Agnes Buchan; her beloved Auntie Louella and Uncle Wilfrid Beese; brother-in-law, Bob Major; brother-in-law, Jim Buchan and his wife, Ann. Pat is remembered by her husband, Al; their children & spouses, Lori Marier (Richard), Sharon White (Keith), Mike (Nadine); 7 grandchildren and spouses – Elise (Tyson & great-granddaughter Kate), Jessica (Phil), Elianna, Isabelle, D'Arcy (Katrina), Adam, and Julia. Also remembered by 'her much older sister' Val, with whom she shared a lasting, loving bond and many inside jokes; nieces, Sandra (Dwight) & Brenda (Jim) and their families; nieces, Liz (Jim), Alison (Dave), nephew, Cameron (Carrie) and their families; as well as many dear friends and neighbours.

Pat's family is grateful for the fresh baked goodies, meals, encouraging messages and kindnesses that have surrounded us. We are deeply thankful for the compassionate, attentive care mom received in her last days from the nurses, health care aides, doctors and support staff of Royal Jubilee's PCC 4th floor North – they made this journey lighter.

Memorial Service and Reception will be held on Sunday, February 7 at 11 a.m. at McCall's Funeral Home, Johnson & Vancouver Streets.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation or UNHCR the UN Refugee Agency would be lovely and appreciated.

From Mom's desk...To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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