

Patricia Josephine Loughran

Patricia Josephine Loughran, of Victoria, British Columbia, passed away on June 28, 2024, at the Royal Jubilee Hospice following a brief illness.

Born in 1935 to Alice (Gallagher) and Hugh McKeown in Newry, County Down, Ireland, Josephine grew up with her four younger siblings – Mavis, Stella, Ursula, and Hugh – amidst the challenges of the Second World War and a period of transformation in their homeland.



In 1956, Josephine married Hugh Loughran, her beloved husband of 60 years until his passing in 2016. Despite their deep love for Ireland, they embarked on a new journey, immigrating to Canada in 1957. Josephine often recounted their arrival at Idlewild Airport in New York, where an American customs officer suggested that they stay in the U.S., remarking on Canada's very cold climate. Undeterred, they arrived in Toronto with little money but abundant hope, eventually settling in Vancouver and finally making Victoria their home in 1968.

Throughout their journey, Josephine and Hugh worked tirelessly – Josephine in the school system, Hugh in the forest industry – raising three children and realizing the dreams they had

envisioned on leaving Ireland's shores. In her later years, Josephine remained a devoted member of Holy Cross Parish, offering unwavering support to her children and grandson Benjamin, with whom she shared a very close bond. Her warmth and sociable nature brought a unique spirit to every gathering, making family dinners and picnics unforgettable.



Josephine leaves behind a lasting legacy cherished by her three children, Thurles, Deirdre and her husband Victor, Elizabeth and her husband Jim, her sister Stella and family in Ireland, and a wide circle of friends who were privileged to know her.

A funeral mass will be held at the Holy Cross Church, 4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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