

Rosella Clara L. Golly (Totten)

Rosella was born on a farm in Indian Head, Sask., she was the youngest of five children. She went to school in Indian Head and Harris, Sask, and then went to work at the Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina. There she met Bill Golly in 1951 and they were married early in 1952. She felt welcomed into Bill's family who lived in Regina, as they all made their way through life. Rose had four children: Clifford (deceased), Stuart (Betty Ann), Pat (Bob Allan), and Kim (Wayne Klotz). She had six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren who meant a great deal to her. Her siblings Harvey Totten, George Totten and Maxine Kaiser predeceased her. Rose leaves behind her loving husband Bill, her sister, Mary Broad (Cranbrook, BC), in-laws Don and Pat Maze (Regina), and Clarke and Lorraine Golly (Regina) to mourn her passing, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Rose's husband Bill worked for Poole Construction (later PCL), which meant that they moved often to different jobs throughout Saskatchewan, to Edmonton, Alberta and Denver, Colorado, making lifelong friends. They retired to Brentwood Bay, BC on Vancouver Island in 1984 and built their new home. Rose swung a hammer with the best of them.

Rose was a smart, determined, fiery woman who valued family above everything. She challenged us to be our best, and then cheered us on.

From her start on the farm in Indian Head, through all her travels around the world with Bill, to their long-term home in Brentwood Bay, Rose did things her way. When she was 55, she bought a cute, slightly-used Honda Civic although she hadn't had a driver's license for decades. She then enrolled in Young Drivers of Canada and was soon behind the wheel, discovering

the freedom of her own wheels.

She decided that once the house in Brentwood Bay was finished, she needed another way to get some exercise. She started riding a bike for the first time since she was a child, and she continued well into her 80's. For a couple of hours early each morning, all year through, Mom pedaled around Brentwood Bay, enjoying the quiet, taking in the scenery and collecting bottles (which covered the cost of bicycle maintenance). She met many people throughout the community and enjoyed telling us what she learned through her early morning conversations.

Rose was a keen card player, gleefully winning more than her fair share. She worked hard at something almost every day. She loved a party.

Rose was a unique character who dedicated herself to making the home she shared with Bill comfortable and welcoming. Through 68 years of marriage, she and Bill experienced life side-by-side: travel, joys, successes and sorrows. Rose will be much missed. She will live on in the memories of those who loved her.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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