Rosemarie Frances Meidinger

It is with heavy hearts, but wonderful memories, that we announce the passing of Rosemarie Meidinger of Victoria, BC, formerly of Calgary.

Rosemarie was born to Fred and Emma Meidinger (nee Hagel) in Beiseker, Alberta, the youngest sister to Elaine, Viola, and Roger. She received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta (Calgary Campus) and later went on to receive her masters degree from the University of Oregon. While Rosemarie was both a teacher and principal with the Calgary Catholic School District over 32 years, her true passion lay in teaching English. Over the years, she instilled an appreciation for the power of story and written word in many students.

An outspoken and passionate advocate of volunteerism and social justice, Rosemarie taught in the community of Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, and later in Kiribati (Central Pacific), as a volunteer with the *VICS* (Volunteer International Christian Service) organization. Years later, while living in Ladysmith, she volunteered at a local elementary school reading with children and as a hospice worker in palliative care. Most recently, she became involved with the *Victoria Grandmothers,* many of whom became supportive friends.

Above all, Rosemarie cherished her family and many friends. The long kitchen visits, her phone calls and mailed cards, with her telltale handwriting, were familiar to all who loved her. While a prairie girl at heart, Rosemarie loved the serenity and power of the ocean; she loved trees, books, dogs, a glass of scotch and listening to the CBC!

Rosemarie is predeceased by her parents Emma and Fred, her sister Viola Murphy, nephews Timmy Murphy and most recently, Noel Murphy. She leaves behind her older sister Elaine (Bunyan), older brother Roger Meidinger (Joanne), cousins, numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many friends.

A celebration of Rosemarie's life was held on Thursday, March 17th at 2 pm at McCall Gardens (4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC), with a family gathering in Calgary planned for a later date. Those wishing to join virtually may do so by using the zoom link. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81164686747?pwd=QUlrSTFncyt2SmdBbXZXQjNVK2pQQT09

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rosemarie's honour to any charity of choice or to Victoria's SPCA.

Condolences may be offered to the family below. You may view the service below.
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