

Stephanie Szuster

Stephanie passed away with her family by her side on October 30, 2021 in Victoria, BC at the young age of 98 years, having valiantly tried to make her 100th.

Predeceased in 2000 by Walter, her husband of 50 years, Stephanie will be forever missed by her children Tillie (Ron), Richard (Nicola) and Brian (Ning) and her grandchildren Zach, Brittany and Jade and her great-grandson, Harrison.

Our remarkable mother was born in Poland and was a survivor of WWII. She met Walter in the chaos of post-war Europe and together they found their way to Canada, first to Alberta and then happily retiring to Victoria in 1990. Despite having been taken from her family at a young age, Stephanie created a home filled with love, laughter and warmth. There was always a place at the table for an extra hungry soul and Christmas inevitably found someone joining who would otherwise have been alone.

She and Walter loved travelling, especially to visit their children who had wandered far from home to New York and Hawaii. She delighted in being able to travel to Thailand at the age of 88 to see her son get married. Stephanie was fiercely independent and she was proud to have lived on her own until 93 where she continued to be a passionate gardener with a yard filled with cherry, apple and fig trees and endless fruits. Her tomatoes were legendary as was her cherry pie and raspberry jam.

A private celebration of Stephanie's life was held at the Royal Oak Burial Park where she joined her beloved husband.

She will be desperately missed and leaves a void in all our lives. The family is eternally grateful to the wonderful staff at the Summit, in particular those in Eagle House who so compassionately cared for Stephanie, especially during her

last days.

For those who wish, donations in Stephanie's honour can be made to the Greater Victoria Eldercare Foundation in support of their services to seniors at www.gvef.org

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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