The Honourable Donna Jean Haley, Q.C. B.A. L.L.B. D.S.L.

Donna Jean Haley was born in Walkerville, Ontario in 1929. She was the only child of the late Aubrey G. Haley and the late Frances A. Haley. She attended Hugh Beaton High School and Walkerville Collegiate Institute in Windsor, Trinity College at the University of Toronto and the Osgoode Hall Law School. After her call to the Bar in 1955 she practised law in Toronto. During that time, she was Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Pensions in Ontario (1977-1981) and the Chairman of the Pension Commission of Ontario for nine years.

In 1981 she was appointed to the bench. She served as a judge of the County Court of York and of the District Court of York and at her retirement from the bench in 2002 she was a Judge of the Superior Court of Ontario. Her prime interest was in the law relating to estates and trusts and mental incompetency.

Music as a singer and as a violinist was her chief avocation with a suitable sprinkling of games' playing and outdoor activities. She was an avid camper, lawn bowler, occasional golfer and snooker player. As a lifelong supporter of the Girl Guide movement, she was a Cadet leader, National Music Adviser and Commissioner for Companies and Packs on Foreign Soil.

In 2010 she left Toronto to live beside the ocean (a life-long dream) in Sidney, British Columbia with her friend of over 50 years, Marion Rogers, and her family.

Donna had a happy and busy life and wishes her friends laughter, music and love in theirs.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, North Saanich, B.C., Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorial donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Suite 410-245 Eglington Ave. East, Toronto, M4P 3J1.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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