

Thelma Mary Hassen

Thelma Mary Perks Hassen (nee Russell), born on August 21, 1921 in Krugersdorp, S. Africa, died peacefully in Victoria, BC, on February 4, 2016, at age 94. Thelma first arrived in Canada in 1952, having emigrated from Zambia with her husband, Michael Perks and their two small children. As new Canadians they soon came to love Victoria, and in particular Oak Bay, where they always resided. Five years following the loss of Michael, Thelma married Romley Ferguson Hassen of Victoria, with whom she shared eight wonderful years before his passing.

Thelma was a loving wife and mother, a wonderful homemaker, a gracious hostess and a keen golfer and bridge player at Uplands Golf Club. She will be greatly missed and remembered by all for her generosity, her sense of humour, her infectious laughter, her gift for telling a great story, and her natural beauty.

Thelma is survived by two daughters, Helen Elizabeth Hutton of Vancouver and Marilyn Perks of Victoria; stepdaughter, Jane Palin of Victoria; four grandchildren, Tom, Melanie, Matthew and Christopher; three great-grandchildren, four nephews and three nieces.

Heartfelt thanks to all of Thelma's dedicated caregivers at Parkwood Court.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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