

Therese Mary Garahan

After a hard-fought battle with cancer, she passed away peacefully at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. She was born in London, England on January 2nd, 1945. Predeceased by her parents Lillian and Denis Garahan; she is survived by her son, Denis Garahan, and grandson, Talin; cousins, Noreen and Malcolm Cresswell, Ian, Marina and Maxim Cresswell; she will be greatly missed by family and many friends in Canada, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand.

Therese commenced her nurses training in 1963 at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, England where she excelled in her studies and went on to become the youngest Ward Sister in the history of St. Mary's. However, in 1969 she had itchy feet to travel and came to Canada where she started her new life in Edmonton, Alberta. However, after one winter in the north she could no longer stand the cold and so moved to Vancouver.

Therese worked as a registered nurse in the downtown east side clinic for 35 years. She was an excellent nurse who was respected by her work colleagues and patients alike. When she retired, she received an award from the City of Vancouver for her years of work with the poor, people with addictions and marginalized in downtown Vancouver.

After living on the North Shore for many years, she moved to Brentwood Bay on Vancouver Island in 2016 where she spent some of her happiest days working in her beautiful garden along with her dear friend, Shirley Porter. She enjoyed her daily walks around the Butchart Gardens where she made some very special friends.

Therese will be so missed by her friends around the world.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on March 29th, 2022, at Sacred Heart Parish, with a reception to follow, at 4040

Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC at 1:00 p.m. In addition, a memorial service to be held at a later date at St. Pius X Church in North Vancouver, BC.

Donations in Therese's name can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 55 St. Clair Ave West, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2Y7 or the Victoria Humane Society, 4217 Glanford Ave, Victoria, BC V8Z 4B9.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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