

Veronica Gauley

January 27, 1945 – March 2, 2011

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Veronica on March 2, 2011 after a courageous 3 year battle with breast cancer. Veronica passed away peacefully at home in the presence of her family. She is survived by her parents, Doug and Doris Harrison; her husband, Jim; her brother, Adrian (Joyce); sister-in-law, Lynn Gauley; daughter, Christina (Rob); son, Michael (Christy); grandchildren, Olivia, Charlotte and Logan; nephews, Jay Bessebinders and Ben Harrison (Tanis) and grand niece, Hartley.

Veronica was born in Hunstanton, England in 1945. Her family moved to Canada in 1953. Finally settling in Victoria in 1956, Veronica attended Oak Bay High and received her B.Sc. from UVIC in 1967. It was in a geology class where she met her future soulmate and married Jim in 1968. For the next 43 years, they shared many adventures, raised two wonderful children and cherished family holidays and gatherings. Some of Veronica's adventures included identifying a new subspecies of Pacific Ocean squid in 1968, catching a 55 lb. spring salmon on her honeymoon in the Alberni Canal, visiting England and cruising . Highlights of her travels included trips to Hawaii and Disneyland with her family and a trip to Cusco, Peru in 2006, where Mike and Christy took us hiking and exploring Inca ruins in the Andes and visiting Machu Picchu. Veronica also got involved with the Juan de Fuca Arts and Crafts Guild, enjoyed sewing, knitting, weaving and especially quilting. She also managed Purdy's Chocolates at Hillside and appreciated working with a very supportive staff. Veronica was a caring, thoughtful, loving and unselfish woman and we will cherish her memory forever. We would like to thank Dr.'s Attwell, Wei, Allen and Mathews, home care nurses Sue and Linda, and the Beacon Community workers for their professional care and support.

A Celebration of Veronica's Life will be held in Victoria in MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson & Vancouver Streets, on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 1:00 pm with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the B.C. Cancer Foundation. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.