

Wanda Jane Hayes

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our mother Wanda Jane Hayes, a loving mother and a remarkable woman. Mom passed peacefully in her 98th year, in the company of family on March 25, 2026. Wanda was the youngest and third child of Hadley and Eulaline Coles. Her older siblings were brother Cameron Coles and sister Erma Jones.

Wanda married her lifetime love Maurice Victor Frederick Hayes in September 1950. Her sons and their partners, David and Jean-Guy, Mark and Joanne, and John and Maggie were always her priority. Except of course her beloved grandchildren Lauren and Cameron, and more recently Maggie's son Brad and Lauren's fiancé Noah.

Wanda and her sister Erma were inseparable all their lives. After losing Maurice to a sudden illness in 1990, Wanda was fortunate to meet Will Geerts who grew to become a longtime loving companion. Will's family welcomed Mom with open arms and subsequently also became a big part of her life. Together the three of them were a team that travelled together and enjoyed many forms of entertainment. For many years they made an annual trek to Victoria. During these extended visits Wanda, initiated the tradition of walking to Beacon Hill Park and kicking the flagpole. Something her family continues today.

In 2021, Wanda made the move across country to Victoria where she became a resident at Carlton House in Oak Bay. She embraced the move and quickly became a well-liked member of the Carlton community. All her life Wanda was well known for her dynamic spirit, and sharp sense of humour which she frequently shared with her newfound Carlton House friend group and staff. She was very proud of her balcony garden.

A reception in her honour will be held on Thursday, April 9th

at the Carlton House of Oak Bay, 2080 Oak Bay Avenue,
Victoria, BC V8R 6W2.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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