

**Rita (Bray) HARVEY (May 08, 1950 - March 30, 2018) – VHS Class of 1968**



It is with heavy hearts that we announce Rita's passing due to a stroke on Friday, March 30, 2018. She passed away with her family at her side at Victoria General Hospital. She is survived by her husband David of 44 years and their daughters Jennifer and Shannon.

Rita will be remembered for her generous, kind, and gentle spirit, her vibrant and fun-loving attitude, tremendous hospitality, and tireless work ethic. As a wife and a mother, she was loving, caring, and extremely supportive.

She was born in Victoria, British Columbia to Edward and Jean Bray. The summers of Rita's youth were spent in Colwood with her many cousins. She made many lifelong friends at Victoria High School and the University of Victoria. In 1974 she married David Harvey, and spent numerous years on the Harvey family farm in Flaxcombe, Saskatchewan, near Kindersley.

Rita was gifted in so many areas of life, and she loved making things by hand. Whether in the kitchen, the sewing room, or making paintings and her own signature bracelets and accessories, she was known for her incredible care and attention to all the details. She loved Morris dancing, playing Mahjong, and tending to her beautiful gardens.

She also loved travelling and enjoyed many adventures travelling in a camper van around Mexico and Africa in the 1970's. More recently she spent summers sailing around the Gulf and San Juan Islands and winters in the Palm Springs sunshine.

She was truly blessed to have so many near and dear friends and family. A celebration of her life will be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Saturday, April 7th at 2:00 PM.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Rita's memory to The Stroke Recovery Association of BC.