

Ardath Lorraine Gill – Vic High Class of 1961



GILL, Ardath Lorraine (nee Glassford) April 5, 1943 - November 29, 2018 It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ardath Gill. Ardath lived a full and rich life. Originally from Beechy, a small farming community in southern Saskatchewan, Ardath was the second daughter to Robert and Ruby Glassford. At age of 15 Ardath ventured to the coast with her family and settled in Victoria where she attended Victoria High School. Dedicated to helping and caring for others, Ardath worked in the health care field for most of her adult life. She provided devoted service to her community, first as a technician in the Cancer Clinic, and then later providing support and organizational skills for the Greater Victoria Hospital Society, Ardath fiercely loved her four children, her six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was active in her

family and in her community. In 2015 Ardath was elected and served as Queen of the Nile for the Victoria Chapter of the Daughters of the Nile, Miriam Temple No. 2 until 2016. She took her role seriously and organized several events and functions to raise money for the Shriner's hospitals for children. In her spare time, you could find Ardath attending community events, tap dancing, going for coffee with friends from Sherry Black's Dance Studio, learning how to create beautiful bouquets, or in her garden. She relaxed by growing amazing vegetables that her friends and her family would enjoy over the winter. She and Les loved being on the 'hill' at Mount Washington, a trip they took several times every winter until Ardath was unable to make the journey. Ardath was quick to laugh and often used humor to lighten other's moods. A kind and thoughtful woman, she nonetheless had a wee bit of the Irish and Scottish in her. She could be determined to see things through just the way she wanted them. Due to a lifelong struggle with asthma, Ardath took up a health challenge in 2013 and began lifting weights. There was no stopping her - she rarely missed her workout session and was a delight to the staff at PISE because of her determination. The picture above was originally taken by Bruce Stotesbury and featured in an article in the Times Colonist. Christmas has always been a special time for Ardath and Les. Theirs is the house that family and friends gravitate to, full of warmth and joy. Ardath was an amazing cook and took pride in delighting friends and family with fabulous meals and wonderfully joyous evenings. She is known among her family members for her infamous, once-in-a-lifetime pancakes. Ardath is survived by a large and loving family and her devoted husband Les of 43 years, her four children Alan (Shirley), Shannon (Mike), Ray (Merridee), and Yvonne; her grandchildren Crista, Danielle, Jordon, Jacob, Amelia and Danika; and her great grandchildren Haydin, Gavin, and Kali. She is also survived by her sisters Ethel (Don) and Marlene, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.