



It is with sadness at the loss of our beloved parent, relief that the trials & tribulations of dealing with a terminal illness have ended, & massive amounts of gratitude for the healthy, productive & loving life of our Mother & friend, that we provide this notification.

Beverly's life is a study in strength of character: determination, resilience, values, intelligence, passion, action & gut instinct. Most of all, a belief in the enduring power of love, which saw her through a series of ups and downs and were inevitably conquered with zest, determination, pithy expressions & a wry sense of humor shared with those closest to her. She refused to accept situations that conflicted with her view of herself, including the inconvenience of physical issues, and sought to overcome them until her dying day. She was a fearless defender of others, an advocate for her friends, and a person one could be counted on to lend a hand or provide unvarnished advice.

Beverly was born in Edmonton, Alta on Feb 12, 1936, to Marjorie Ethel Bell & Wayne Edward Koski. During her early years, Bev's family moved frequently, underscoring both the need for adaptability in one's life and recognition of the impermanence of things. She was an avid sportsperson, winning a national basketball championship for Vic High in 1952 and later many tennis matches. Academics were a focus, and Bev graduated the top of her class.

Before the age of 20, Bev earned her pilot's license - indicative of a taste for adventure that took her to the South & North Poles and almost every other continent. She believed that experiences and interaction with the world is the best classroom and she despised limitations being placed on others, or on oneself, based on gender, race or religion. In her lifetime, Bev was an X-Ray technician, the first female Realtor for a national brokerage firm, (of course she became the top salesperson too), and an artist, graduating from the Victoria College of Art at age 61. Bev also served as the President of the South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club, helping secure the land on which this historic club resides, and was an active member of the Cowichan Valley Arts Counsel.

We credit our Mother with stimulating constant curiosity and we will sorely miss her ever present and unconditional support. She instilled in us a sense of curiosity, spirituality and a joy for creative efforts at an early age. Her proudest accomplishment lives on in her children and her grandchildren, all of whom affectionately called her "Gogo". She was predeceased by Jeffrey Hunter, and is survived by her sisters Geraldine Howell of Victoria, B.C., Toni Travis of Vancouver, WA, son Andrew Brent Cooper (Indra) of Caledon East, Ont., daughter Adrienne Leslie Hall of Seattle, WA, daughter Sheila Beverly Beauchemin (Chris) of Victoria, B.C. Grandchildren Tyler Christian Hall (Lauren) , Ryan Cooper Hall, Tara Ruth Cooper, Zoe Yan Ci Beauchemin, and Lucy Guo Lian Beauchemin.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm Feb 3, 2018 at St. Peter Quamichan in Duncan, B.C., followed by a tea. Donations gratefully accepted by [the Salvation Army](#) in memory of Beverly Cooper.

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