



SPALL, Rita Joy (nee Keays)

Rita "Joy" of Victoria, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 20th, 2021 at her home with her daughter by her side. Joy was born in Victoria on October 26, 1930, to Rita "Mary" Keays and Charles "Gus" Roland Keays. The family lived in Victoria West and she was the only child. Joy was in the Victoria Drill Team and graduated from Victoria High School in 1949. Joy was a proud Victorian. She had a great memory for faces and would usually run into someone she knew when she went out shopping. As a girl, she went fishing and hunting with her dad at Shawnigan Lake which gave her an appreciation for nature and the outdoors. She enjoyed her times up island at Koksilah River (Burnt Bridge), Cowichan Lake, Sproat Lake, Bowser and Qualicum. Joy married James "Jim" Ernest Stanley Spall in 1953. They started their happy married life in Port Alberni and after 2 years moved to Victoria where they both found work at Lucky Lager Brewery, which later became Labatt Breweries. Joy and Jim had 2 children, Rita "Diane" and Donald James. She loved being a homemaker and was a proud mother. Joy will be remembered as a loving wife and kind-hearted mom who allowed all the neighbourhood kids to come for swims in her pool all summer long! She'd make Kool-Aid for the kids and loved to bake apple pies. Joy was a great saver and often said to "put away for a rainy day", which was something she instilled in her children and her granddaughter, Kara. She was very generous and gave to numerous charities. Family always came first with Joy and she loved them very deeply. Joy was a loyal and loving friend. Joy is preceded in death by her husband Jim and her son Don. She is survived by her daughter Diane, son-in-law Evan, daughter-in-law Karen and 3 granddaughters Kara, Rachel and Jenna. No services will be held.

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