



BLIGH, Daisy Ena (nee Baker) (1936)

May 26, 1920 - April 24, 2015

Daisy Ena Bligh (nee Baker) passed away on Friday, April 24th, leaving behind two daughters, Harriet Thom and Janice Poulin, son-in-law Eugene Poulin, grandchildren Richard Poulin (Kim Buchanan), Janette Poulin (Ken Hackshaw) and Martin Thom (Tania Thom), as well as great-granddaughters Lily Djolé Poulin and Sophie Bligh Poulin. Daisy is predeceased by her dear husband of 71 years, John, as well as her grandson Trevor Thom and son-in-law Ellery Thom. Daisy is also survived by her sister, Olive (Brix) Lawson, and many nieces and nephews.

Daisy came to Metchosin at 7 years old with her family and was an active and dedicated member of the community for the next 88 years. She died in her own home where, over the years, she had welcomed everyone who entered, including neighbours, friends, and acquaintances. She had a bright mind and wonderful memory over the years, and was integral in the collection of memorabilia for Metchosin School Museum as well as Metchosin Pioneer Museum. Her recall of history and people of the area was relied upon by many. As a local historian she wrote many articles for local publications and some for Victoria papers.

Daisy graduated from Victoria High School at age 16. Three years later she fell in love with John and they were married in 1940. The following years saw them together through many adventures, including (but not limited to) hay farming, operating a stall at the old Victoria City Market, more farming on Duke Rd., running a general

store, commercial salmon fishing, collecting data for Dept. of Fisheries, then more fishing and then more farming on the corner of Witty Beach Road. This time they were growing vegetables to sell at the roadside, with many being given away.

They loved life, and their life together, but life also presented many challenges through the years. They were always sustained by the love that Daisy and her husband Johnny had for each other. Although her strength was fading, in the last three weeks Daisy attended church regularly and was part of Easter celebrations with family, including a trip with her great-granddaughters, Lily and Sophie, for ice cream cones at Metchosin corner. During this same period, she also sang at the Metchosin Rough Voice Choir, participated in a family birthday party, and played with her little friend Vance, who is the son of Daisy's caring companion Mimia. Even as she was failing, her caring and sweet personality remained unchanged - always considering others, contented, and appreciative of anything done for her. Daisy had a strong Christian belief. She practiced her faith in her daily life, both in the general community and in the church community. For almost nine decades she regularly attended church as a member of St. Mary's Parish.

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