



**Darlene A. BRAIN (nee Noble) (1961)**

**1943 – 2021**

With incredible sadness, Darlene took her last breath while her devoted husband of 55 years, Bill Brain, and two adoring daughters, Terri Gold (Brain) and Karen Brain sat by her bedside holding her hands. Her stoic heart, strong till the end, finally succumbed to her extended journey with Alzheimer's. Darlene, born to her parents Teresa and Howard Noble, grew up in Victoria along with her beloved sister Bonnie Howard (Noble), all predeceased. She leaves behind a deep void in her family's hearts, including her husband, daughters, son-in-law Rob Gold, and cherished grandsons Dean, Matthew, and Nicholas Gold. Family was Darlene's ultimate passion in life, and she constantly extended her generous, loving personality to all her in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews. An incredibly devoted friend, Darlene maintained dear friendships from her Vic High school days and enjoyed being involved with her high school reunions. Letters found from 1966 revealed her intention to "marry that Bill Brain", including her idyllic dream of having a family and a full life with him. Years later she fulfilled her dream, affirmation of her incredible capacity to love, optimistic outlook, and fierce protective instinct that occasionally came out like a lioness. At the heart of Darlene's passion was time spent with loved ones: from her own loving childhood and adventures with school friends, to family reunions in Lake Cowichan, holidays in Palm Desert, boating, Hawaii, horse events, and much more. She loved her people. She was truly a rare soul, benefitting all committees and organizations she volunteered for with her sincerity, generosity, integrity to uphold fairness and equality, belief in the benefit of the groups' mandate, and her keen eye for detail and organization. She created a fairy-tale home life and made every holiday special with gifts and goodies, and expressions of love in every handmade card. Darlene will be deeply missed by not only her family and friends but by all who experienced her genuine kindness. Behind her, she leaves the

world a better place. She leaves beautiful memories in the minds of those who love her, and precious snapshots of the community members she was proudly part of. We say goodbye and at the same time we say thank you. Forever dance mom, you bequeathed us such joy and childlike innocence 'til the very end, and we will always hear you in our minds, "happy, happy, happy!" We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Sheikh, Saan-Penn Hospital extended care staff, Peninsula Community Health Services, and the Mt. Newton Center. You all made a lasting impact on Darlene's last years and final days. Bless you all. A casual service to gather in Darlene's memory will be held May 15, 2022, from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at the #2 covered venue at Centennial Park. Family and friends are welcome to come celebrate in her memory.

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