



Kathleen Margaret Sutherland (nee Hale) (1947)

January 30, 1929 - January 08, 2023

Always known as Babe to family and childhood friends, Kay passed away quietly and peacefully just weeks from her 94th birthday. Born in Victoria on January 30, 1929 she was the youngest child of Robert and Margaret Hale joining her sister Pat and brother Jerry in a happy and close extended family. Kay attended Quadra School and Victoria High School and after graduation worked in a government clerical role before her marriage in 1949 to Neil Sutherland. Kay and Neil (Babe and Suds) celebrated 71 years of marriage prior to Neil's passing in 2020. Together they raised three children and as a young navy family spent two postings in Nova Scotia after which Kay determined they would remain in Victoria, all future postings graciously declined.

Kay was a full time homemaker when her children were young and later filled her days with golf, her garden, and grandchildren. She and Neil enjoyed years of golfing holidays in warm locations and played regularly with close friends at Colwood, Metchosin, and Mount Douglas golf courses. In her later years it was family gatherings and afternoon teas spent reminiscing, retelling family stories, and sharing laughter that brought her greatest happiness.

After Neil died and with dementia progressing, Kay moved to the Priory where she lived her final years in the care and kindness of the remarkable staff at Heritage Woods and Hiscock amid her memories of a happy Victoria childhood.

Kathleen was predeceased by her parents, aunts and uncles, cousins, sister and brother, and her husband. She is survived by her daughter Dawn (John), sons Neil (Donna) and Bob (Charmaine), grandchildren Martin, Katie, Leah and Sarah, great-grandchildren James, Jack and Aurora, daughters-in-law Jacqueline and Luella, niece Sheila and nephew Bill, collectively her 'gang'. She also leaves two sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews in Winnipeg and across Canada.

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