



### **Margaret Joan Davies (nee Coverdale) (1951)**

Margaret Joan Davies passed away peacefully at the age of 89. She is predeceased by her husband Lloyd in July 2021, and brother Denis Coverdale in 1999. She is survived by her children, Brad (Nancy), Wendy (Brian), Chris (Cathy) Lynn, Joy (D'Arcy), and grandchildren Jill, Bek, Mark, Taleah (Aaron), Savannah, Lydia (Marcel), Emylia, and brother-in-law Spencer Davies and family.

Margaret was born in Victoria, BC and went to Margaret Jenkins School where she and her best friend Skippy helped bring their grass hockey team to victory at the City Championships. She was an accomplished pianist and played for the ballet school. After graduating from Victoria High School, Margaret worked at the Imperial Bank of Canada (now CIBC) for five years.

Lloyd and Margaret had their first date on Christmas Eve, 1954, and married on June 11, 1955. As talented with knitting needles as she was on the piano and grass hockey field, Margaret produced exquisite baby outfits for all her children, grandchildren, and for anyone else who had a baby on the way. Margaret's passion for giving extended to volunteer work, notably the Canadian Blood Services where she donated not only her time, but over 100 units of blood, rolling up her sleeve for the last time at age 72.

Margaret was also a great organizer, an essential skill for a busy mother of five, followed by years of looking after many day-care children until the grandchildren came along. Her children have many happy memories of picnics at Discovery Island, Willows Beach and Mt. Tolmie. Many more happy grand childhood memories were created at the beach on Cadboro Bay where Margaret and Lloyd spent their golden years. As if looking after grandchildren wasn't enough to consume her energy, Margaret would often attend two aerobics classes a day at the Henderson Rec Centre and enjoyed long walks with her friends Joan and Noel Greenwood. In 2002 Margaret completed the Great Lake Walk, a brisk 56 km stroll around Cowichan Lake.

Sadly, Margaret was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2008. Parkinson's took away her ability to knit, play the piano and keep kids out of mischief, but not her ability to connect with family, friends, and the caregivers at Hart House, and then at Parkwood Court where she spent her final years. She always enjoyed having tea and sharing chocolates with caregivers and visitors, and would ask how the kids are. Margaret's organizational skills may have played a part in her last days. After spending Christmas Day having tea and dinner with family at Parkwood Court, the time was right to plan her quiet exit. Margaret left us the morning of December 31 for her New Year's Eve date with Lloyd in heaven.

We are deeply grateful to all the wonderful people at Hart House and Parkwood Court who have been like family to us these past years.

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