

GLENYS JEAN BOWES (nee Smedley) (1939)

Mom passed peacefully at home on August 18. Born Glenys Jean Smedley in Victoria, Oct 8, 1921, Mom went to grade school in Langford, graduated from Victoria High School, attended St. Anne's Academy for secretarial upgrades, and started her first job as a teller with Bank of Commerce during WWII.

She had met our dad and her future husband, George Ellis (Toby) Bowes by this time and they were married in Sept. 1941. Dad remained in the military after the War and they lived throughout BC, in Wales, Texas, and for 8 years in Picton Ont. In 1960 Dad retired from the Forces and they moved back to Mom's beloved Victoria.

She worked for Sears Catalogue for a few years and then assisted dad in his real estate career till 1973 when he retired. They bought a suite at Spencer Castle and never moved again. Mom was then able to pursue some recreational interests. She became an excellent golfer and an even better bridge player.

Throughout her life mom extended herself to many people and developed many strong friendships. She truly was a giving spirit. Predeceased by her husband Toby, her brother Howard and her Sister Connie (Margaret), Mom is survived by her sister Betty and both her children, Karen Leek (Clayton) and Barry (Margaret) and her grandchildren, Craig Van der Merwe, Christopher (Elizabeth), Trevor, Jeremy and great grandchildren, Darian and Portia.

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