



### **June Fleming (nee Pritchard) (1965)**

**December 24, 1947 - March 04, 2023**

On March 4th, 2023 in her 76th year, June left us suddenly. Dearly loved by family and friends, her comforting presence, sparkle, whimsy and sage advice will be greatly missed. June was born on Dec 24, 1947 and began a life lived fully, well, and in a joyful, uncomplaining way, despite several emotional and physical obstacles in her path. Not much was expected of the shy little girl who lost her mother at an early age and struggled with some aspects of her early school experiences. Raised by her maternal grandparents, June grew up in various homes and apartment buildings around Victoria, "flipped" after a cast of characters repaired and remodeled each one. A member of a large extended family with roots in farming, for this 4th generation Canadian the early years provided regular lessons in self-sufficiency, resourcefulness and work

ethic. Books, especially mysteries, provided opportunities to immerse herself in adventures and stimulated a desire to travel, lifelong hobbies she enjoyed very much. Later in life crossword puzzles and a variety of games would become regular staples to her daily engagements with others. She embraced technology as a method to communicate with the younger generation and regularly giggled at the bitmojis accompanying her messages.

June got her degree in Education and later a Masters, working multiple jobs to do so. During these years she regularly housed people at various life stages, being both helpful, and a curator of interesting discussions and parties. Those closest to her cannot recall a single person for whom she didn't make room. One quality that regularly stood out was June's generosity; she was constantly offering others assistance (is there anyone who didn't use June's shower or washing machine?) and sending thoughtful cards and gifts. She endeavored to lift the spirits of those in her path, whenever she could.

June's gregarious nature and optimism gathered many fans: the 400+ children in her classrooms as a K-7 teacher, teaching colleagues, distant relatives, rugby, sailing, music, book clubs and diet groups, West Bay Marina friends and many others that are too numerous to correctly list and ensure complete representation! June's twinkling laugh, brightly-coloured table, and seasonally accessorized fun-filled home was equipped with an assortment of books, silly hats and toys that provided an entertaining haven for all who visited.

Mid-way through her life June married beloved husband Jack Fleming, adding three stepchildren to her family. Their relationship was grounded in friendship and rich in love, with regular bouts of uncontrollable laughter and diverse experiences that June valued so much. Over 30+ years of marriage, they exemplified how to know, cherish and support each other as unique people, while going through life together.

Our "Junie" is pre-deceased by her mother Shirley Pritchard (Cooper), father Alfred Pritchard, brother Ley Pritchard and husband Jack Fleming. June's family continues with Uncle Boyd Cooper, his children with Beverly (nee Koski) of Andrew Brent Cooper (Indra) and Andrew Brent's daughter Tara (Luke); Adrienne Hall, sons Tyler (Lauren) and Ryan (Deanna); and Sheila Beauchemin (Chris) and daughters Zoe and Lucy; Boyd's sons with Bonnie (nee Deuchars) of Nicholas Cooper, Ian Cooper (Andrea), their son Jamie and daughter Ava; half-sister Anne Huntley (Cooper), Anne's daughter Stacey Semple (Mark), and son Kieran; Anne's daughter Melissa Heathcote (Dave), and their daughters Devon and Mackenna; half-sisters Dorothy Churchill (Barry) and Lynn Pritchard; step-children Laurie Nichol (Jeff) and son Kyle (Chelsea); Bob Fleming (Stella), daughter Clare and son William; Wendy Swan (Dennis), Wendy's son Jeff Craig (Kait), sons Jacob and Lukas; Wendy's son Matthew Craig; and Wendy's daughter Cassidy Swan.

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