



**Arlene LESTER (nee McLaren, O'Briain) (1955)**

**April 14, 1937 - July 01, 2023**

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the death of Arlene Lester, of Victoria, on July 1, 2023, age 86. She will be lovingly remembered by children, Warren, Lynn and Ian, son-in-law Philip, step children Naomi and Jeff, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Arlene was predeceased by her loving husband Donald in 2022.

Born in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Arlene spent her early years in Winnipeg and Flin Flon before moving to Victoria in 1948. After finishing Vic High, Arlene obtained her RN from St Joseph's School of Nursing and made life-long friendships. Arlene married William OBriain (1934 - 2019), started a family in Victoria, and later moved to

Vancouver.

Arlene always put her children first, while juggling work and completing a degree at UBC. Arlene's interests included Scottish country dancing, cycling, and climbing mountains with the North Shore Hikers. Later, Arlene met her second husband Donald Lester and retired to Salt Spring, farming blueberries. In 2018, Arlene and Donald moved via James Bay to Cridge Centre in Victoria. Arlene leaves many kind friends in the Cridge community.

A service will be held in Arlene's honour at Christ Church Cathedral, 930 Burdett Ave., Victoria, on Friday July 21, 2023 at 2:30pm. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a donation to a charity of your choosing in Arlene's memory.

In the fall, a memorial reception for Arlene's family and friends will be held at Christ Church Cathedral - for more information contact [ianobriain7@gmail.com](mailto:ianobriain7@gmail.com). Afterwards, there will be a private ceremony for immediate family to bury Arlene's ashes at Royal Oak Burial Park.

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