



**JACKSON, Alice Margaret Alice (nee Shaw) (1943)**

**1928 - 2022**

Margaret Jackson passed away on July 21, 2022 at Saanich Peninsula hospital long term care. Alice was born in June 1928 in Victoria, BC and spent her first 18 years in her family home with her parents Meg and Charlie Shaw and her brother Donald, on Brooke Street near the Ross Bay Cemetery. She had many stories to tell of playing on the beach or in the cemetery or on the grounds of Government House and stories of taking the old street cars.

She left school early and worked with her dad at Mac and Mac hardware store (McLellan & McFeely) at the corner of Johnson and Government Streets in

Victoria.

When she was 18 her good friend Joyce Stuart (and sister Shirley Potter) told her there were job openings with BC Tel in New Westminster and the Stuart family offered a place for her to live. There she met her future husband Don Jackson and they married in 1951. Don worked for Jackson Printing Company in New Westminster but when they decided to have a family they moved to Coquitlam where they raised 3 children Maureen (Johnston), Donna Denise (Marasco) and Rick. They had many good years living in the same house at the corner of Smith Avenue and Poirier.

Once the children were almost grown Alice went to work at the Hudson's Bay Distribution Center at Lake City and worked there for almost 20 years. There are many memories of camping in our trailer and later at the Legion Park in White Rock. As the children grew older they sold the trailer and bought the first of 3 sailboats, getting a little larger and fancier each time. They had many good years sailing with the Centennial sailing club at the Reed Point Marina and with their good friends Bill and Gladys Gueho and Don's sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and John Keogh and daughter Maureen and son-in-law Brian.

Sadly, Don passed away in 1987 when Alice was just 59. Alice had to sell the sailboat but took up cross country skiing and went on many ski trips that included her good friend Gladys's daughter Joanne.

Eventually after 50 years in Coquitlam, Alice sold her home and moved back to Sidney on Vancouver Island. Close to her daughter Maureen and close to where she grew up. She continued to take many trips such as ones to England, Greece, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and New Mexico. Through all these years she also spent a lot of time at her "home away from home" right on the bay in Whaletown on Cortes Island, which had belonged to grandparents, then her mother and then passed to Alice and her brother Donald. This place brought her a lot of joy and good memories and she managed to spend every summer up there. Even last year as her dementia and weakness progressed, she was very determined and managed the steps required to get down the hill to her house purely by determination.

One of her greatest strengths was her "can do" attitude to life. If she decided she could do something she would just keep going until she did it. Although the last year was difficult we managed to keep her in

her home until May of this year at which time she moved to Saanich Peninsula long term care. The staff there were very kind and she enjoyed the extra attention and activity around her. Her short term memory was not great but she would get the biggest smile whenever anyone talked to her or involved her in an activity and sometimes asked when this "cruise ship" would be pulling into Victoria.

She passed quickly and peacefully on July 21. Alice was predeceased by her husband Don, her parents Margaret and Charles, and her brother Donald. She is survived by her children Rick, Denise and Maureen; grandchildren Jennifer Little (Chris) and Ricky Jackson, Amy Marasco (Brett Sampson), Calvin (Maria) and Mack Johnston; great-grandchildren Mariechen, Abby and Molly Little, Saylor Sampson, Jovie and Heath Johnston. The family will have a small family get together next summer and put her ashes with her mom and grandparents at Whaletown as she requested.