



Mary Lorraine ROBERTSON (nee Brown) (1951)

June 14, 1933 - August 19, 2013

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend Lorraine, who died peacefully at the Royal Jubilee Hospital at the age of 80 after a full and vibrant life. Lorraine was a native Victorian, and spent the majority of her life making this community her home.

Born in 1933, one of four children of Molly Jane and John Francis Brown, she attended Sir James Douglas and Victoria High schools, after which she obtained a

BA in English/History at UBC (1955).

She met her loving husband of 57 years, Lyle, during these early years in Victoria. They moved to Deep River, Vancouver, and then England developing lifelong friendships. In 1966, she returned to Victoria where she raised her family. Lorraine was an active member of the community, growing a strong network of close friends and supporting others through organizations such as the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AI.

In recent years, she fought a strong battle against kidney disease with caring support from Dr. Linda Ottley and Dr Rene Weir, maintaining an active and healthy life for over a decade in the face of underlying health challenges. Lorraine was passionate about cooking, travel, and family. A great reader and collector of cookbooks, Lorraine's kitchen creations, whether dinners, cookies or jams, were favorites of all and always much sought after.

She loved to travel, taking many trips to Europe to walk through Britain, France and Italy, combining her active lifestyle with her love of culture and food. Her favorite destination was Hornby Island, where she spent hours walking in the park, sharing time with friends, and watching her children and grandchildren grow up on the beach.

Family was central for Lorraine. She cared passionately for her family, and it showed in their love for her. Lorraine will be remembered by all as a kind hearted person, giving of herself to help others. She took the time to connect with others, forming close friendships which she continued to nourish and maintain throughout her life. Her caring transcended the generations, developing warm relationships with the peers of her parents, children and grandchildren as well as her own.

She is survived by her loving husband Lyle, sister Jody (Dennis), children Kathy (Piers) and Brian (Carole), and grandchildren Sean, Paul, Andrew and Danielle.

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