

## MOODY, Juanita (Nita) (nee Wood) (1954) January 5, 1937 - August 13, 2023

Nita passed away peacefully in Victoria, British Columbia on August 13, 2023 at the age of 86.

Nita was born to Esma Robina Wood and Rene Emile Forgues on January 5, 1937. She was raised by her beloved grandmother, Corilla Wood, in the Fernwood district of Victoria. Nita was a direct descendant of one of the first black families who arrived in British Columbia, settling on Salt Spring Island.

She was a great athlete, taking part in softball and basketball competitions at Victoria Secondary School (winning a provincial girls' title). She continued

competing at both the provincial and Canadian level. Nita also curled, golfed and bowled. She was a longtime member of the Gorge Vale Golf Club, where it is said she had a sweet swing which was envied by many.

Nita was well respected employee of the Province of British Columbia where she undertook further education that allowed her to rise to the position of manager in the Ministry of Forests where she served for many years, and made many friends.

She was predeceased by her grandmother, her parents and her ex-husband, Terrence Roland Moody. She is survived by many cousins, in-laws, friends, and teammates.

Special thanks to the caregivers at Island health and Parkwood Court who were kind to Nita in the last months of her life. A special thank you to Lynn Smith, a loyal friend and caregiver.

A gathering to toast Nita will be held at the Gorge Vale Golf Club between 2 PM and 4 PM on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.sandsvictoria.ca

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