



REMEMBERING **Ann Patricia Fifield**

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Ann 'Patricia' Fifield; an amazing lady and mother left us on June 13, 2020. Born in Chesham, England, on February 12, 1927 to Marjorie and Alexander Hay she spent her childhood in London but due to the London Blitz of WWII, moved with her aunt to the coast of Cornwall. In 1944, at the age of 17, she joined the Royal Navy as a Wren and left in 1947 as a Petty Officer.

She married Peter Bennett in 1947 and had three children; Heather, Hilary and Simon. She remarried in 1956 to Bertram Fifield and the family emigrated to Canada in 1957 to leave a recovering post war Britain for a better life in Canada where they settled in Duncan, B.C. They later moved to Somenos Road and Pat's son, Keith, was born.

Pat had a wonderful singing voice which led her to join the Duncan Musical Club in the 1960s. They put on many productions including the Gondoliers, South Pacific, Showboat and the Sound of Music; performing both in Duncan and at the Mcpherson Playhouse in Victoria.

As her children grew older Pat entered the workforce in the late 1960s starting at Duncan District Hospital part time while attending night school to become a Medical Office Assistant which she did by getting a position at a local doctors' office on Ingram Street. There she met her two very good friends Muriel and Lee. They had many adventures together but the best was the three week vacation they took to Hawaii.

Although Pat was born in England she didn't find her true soul until she stepped onto Waikiki Beach. She loved her Hawaiian shirts, bracelets, key rings and

calendars but mostly just being there. She also loved Switzerland, having gone several times; many other parts of Europe and enjoyed many trips back to England. Another passion for her was RVing. With her husband Bert and her children she travelled to Banff, down to Yellowstone, Colorado, L.A., up to the Redwoods, Oregon, Mount Rainier and the west coast of Vancouver Island amongst others. Later in life she discovered cruising, going twice to Alaska and then off to Hawaii.

In 1974 Pat opened Fifi's Tender Care Kennels following her absolute passion and love of dogs. The many people who met her remember her as do their children and that as they left on their Christmas vacation that their pets were to be treated to their own Christmas turkey and were to be cared for and walked before Pat's family would start their Christmas Day.

She sold the kennels in 1981 and moved to a lovely two acre property near Shawnigan Lake and spent many happy years there until moving to Eagle Heights in Duncan with husband Bert. In 2012 she moved to the Rivers Edge gated community in Duncan and made a whole new group of friends and lived happily enjoying community happy hours and group breakfasts. Due to illness she moved to the Chemainus Health Care Centre in 2016. A special thank you to the members of staff at CHCC who made her time there as special as possible.

Pat was predeceased by her husband Bert in 2007, brothers Peter and John, sister Joan, nanny and second mother Dorothy and her best friend Muriel and countless four-legged children.

She is survived by her children Heather (Chris), Hilary, Simon (Grace), Keith (Gayle), grandchildren Elizabeth, Jason (Ann Marie) and great-grandchildren Ethan, Jonas, Cole, Brett and her dog Kara, as well as nieces Moira and Sandra and great niece Juliet.

We have heard the comment since her passing "once met, never forgotten" and that does truly describe her as she is remembered by so many from close friends to casual acquaintances and all in between as this warm lady with the proper British accent and big smile.

Her four children couldn't have asked for a more caring, kind, protecting and loving mother.

Aloha Wahini Fifi! A Hui Hou Kakou.

Donations can be made to the animal charity of your choice in her honour. A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

