



REMEMBERING
Bernice Mccauley

January 31, 1922 - May 2, 2010



Bernice Maude Stoate Williams McCauley

Our beloved Mother, Nanny and Great-Nanny passed away Sunday, May 2nd at the Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan, BC. Born in Victoria on January 31st, 1922 to Cyril and Violet Williams, Bernice spent her early years in the small Village of Bamberton where her father was the chemical engineer, then her school and university years in Vancouver. Bernice graduated from Lord Byng High School in 1940, the same year in which this 'blonde beauty' was crowned Miss Dunbar West Point Grey. A Bachelor of Arts degree (history and english) from UBC followed in 1944 with Bernice delivering the valedictorian speech that year.

During the war years, Bernice volunteered for the Canadian Red Cross in Vancouver, greeting returning and injured soldiers as they arrived on trains and ships. Married to Dr. William Douglas (Doug) McCauley in 1946, their first home was Edmonton before settling in Duncan in 1950 where Doug managed a busy family practice for the next 40 years, until his death in 1990. Bernice returned to Vancouver and her beloved mountains in 1991 making her home in Richmond until 2003, before returning to the Island to be closer to family.

Bernice loved children and is survived by her large and loving family, 6 children Graeme (Patti), Robin Pike (James), John (Debbie), Kevin (Amy), Ross (Deb), Brian (Fiona); 14 grandchildren Deena, Scott, Andrew, Erin, Heather, Duncan, Adam, Nicole, Baylea, Rhonda, Melissa, Robert, Kyle and Jared; and 3 great granddaughters Olivia, Madison and Ruby. Also nieces Andrea (Montreal) and Shelley (North Vancouver), nephew Cal (Vancouver) and cousins in Victoria and England. She was predeceased by her brother Bill in October 2009. Bernice

leaves many dear friends and acquaintances who will remember her with great fondness.

Bernice's great joy was in taking an active role in the very busy lives that her children lead, including Cubs, Boy Scouts, football, basketball, rugby, riding, field hockey, and school theatre productions. To the many Cowichan youth who also played on the various teams, Bernice was known fondly as 'Super Mom'. A particular enjoyment came from participating in local live theatre as a long time member of the Drama Club and the Cowichan Musical Society. Through many years and numerous productions, Bernice took great pleasure in creating beautiful sets, often scavenging for props from antique shops, farmers' fields or any other wild and wonderful location that might yield a unique treasure.

Mom was warm, creative, intelligent, kind and gracious, and above all great fun to spend time with. She loved to mark everyone's special occasions, whether big or small, making sure that a cake and some memento was part of the celebration. A strong advocate for lifelong learning, Mom was exceedingly well read and always enjoyed a good political conversation (or debate) with whoever dropped by for a visit.

We cherish our memories of our dear Mom and miss her deeply. A celebration of this wonderful life will be held on Wednesday, May 12th at 1:00 pm at the Quamichan Inn, 1478 Maple Bay Road, Duncan.

Flowers gratefully declined, in lieu please make a donation in Bernice's name to the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation. Thank you. Online condolences may be offered at www.hwwallacecbc.com

