



**REMEMBERING**  
**Jane Violet Manwaring**

March 5, 1920 - November 14, 2012



Born at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England my mother died at Cowichan District Hospital on November 14, 2012. She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter Jane (Alex) Matheson, brother John (Mildred) Gillies, sister-in-law Jeanne (Arthur - deceased), her beloved God-daughter Mandy (Peter) Taggart and family, and many nieces and nephews both in British Columbia and England.

The highlight of her life was at the onset of World War II, when at the tender age of 19, she volunteered for the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) joining No. 1 company. She must surely have been one of the few remaining from this company of 200 women.

During training she became a Physical Education Instructor leading No.1 company. In 1943 No.1 company shipped to Kenya, to relieve the troops in East Africa to fight in the North Africa campaign. Stationed in Nairobi, these 200 women assumed clerical tasks, became lorry drivers, and were involved in transports up through Ethiopia and Sudan to Allied Headquarters in Alexandria, Egypt.

Falling in love with Kenya was easy and my mother decided to stay in East Africa. In Uganda, she worked for the Buganda Provincial Police from 1958 to 1962; and following independence in 1962, she became the personal secretary to the new Prime Minister Milton Obote.

Leaving Uganda ahead of Idi Amin's infamous regime, she and her husband Reginald settled in Wimbledon, England. Widowed in 1993, she remained in England until 2005, when she emigrated to Canada to be with her daughter and husband on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. She loved it here and her last seven and a half years in Canada were happy ones. An avid golfer, she was a member of the Nairobi Golf Club, Kampala Golf Club, Roehampton Golf Club and latterly the Arbutus Ridge Golf Club, playing until age 88. Also an avid bridge

player, she played until she was 91. Having lived on three continents, she had an exciting and fulfilling life.

Following cremation, her ashes will be interred at Putney Vale Cemetery, Wimbledon with her husband and mother. The family would like to thank their family doctors and friends Lisa and Jean-Marie Wilson, and Dr. Isobel Rimmer and the wonderful staff at the Cowichan District Hospital for their excellent and sympathetic care.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Anglican Church, Cobble Hill, on Thursday, November 22nd at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, we would appreciate donations to the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation.

