



**REMEMBERING**  
**Ruby Zimmer**

October 25, 1945 - November 8, 2021



ZIMMER, Ruby Jessie, a long-time resident of Saskatchewan and more recently Cobble Hill, British

Columbia passed away surrounded by her family at the age of 76 years on November 8, 2021. Ruby was

born October 25th, 1945 alongside her twin sister Vera to Roderick and Ruby Smithwhite (nee Miller) in

Fort William (Thunder Bay) Ontario. Ruby is survived by her loving husband of 52 years David Zimmer,

her twin sister Vera Pollock (John) and three adoring daughters Deidra Zimmer of Calgary Alberta, Paula

Marnier of St. John's Newfoundland, and Suzanne Zimmer (Derek) of Saskatoon Saskatchewan. She was

a grandmother of six; Carter and Ashley (Deidra), Elias and Malachy (Paula) and Ana and Parker

(Suzanne) who were spoiled with her time and love. She is also survived by many extended family

members.

Ruby, at the age of 6 months, moved with her family to Melville Saskatchewan. As a child she excelled

academically, loved to skate and often travelled with her family by rail to interesting destinations.

Ruby earned a Bachelor of Home Economics along with a Bachelor of Education at

the University of

Saskatchewan. A well-liked teacher for decades she taught food science and preparation, nutrition and

wellness, textiles and sewing to hundreds of students. Many a bunnyhug was sewn in Mrs. Zimmer's

classroom.

Her life in Saskatchewan was shared with family and friends. Summers were spent at the cabin on Echo

Lake and on the farm near Balgonie. Cooking, baking, gardening, and volunteering were an important

part of Ruby's life.

Once retired, Ruby and Dave moved to Arbutus Ridge near Cobble Hill British Columbia to be closer to

extended family and to further enjoy life. She was involved with community quilting and wine clubs,

tried her hand at golf, danced to Dave's rock band at local events and spent time aboard their boat

exploring the Gulf Islands. She was a proud member of The Kitchen Sisters charity group who raised

money for various organizations in both Duncan and Victoria.

Internment of Ruby's ashes will take place at a later date in Regina Saskatchewan.

The family wishes to thank the many doctors who were involved in Ruby's care during her last few years

and special thanks to the truly wonderful staff at the Cowichan Hospice House. Donations to the

Cowichan Hospice House (Duncan BC) accepted in lieu of flowers.

