



REMEMBERING
Hilda Justina Friesen

December 28, 1939 - March 26, 2024



Our beloved and amazing Hilda passed away very peacefully on March 26, 2024 at Christine Morrison Hospice after a gradual decline in health from her usual feisty self.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of almost 60 years Walter, children Mark (Sue) and Heather, and grandchildren Luc, Max, Ben and Lewis.

She'll also be remembered by her siblings especially her brother Frank, they had a special relationship as he lived the closest to her) and extended family. She is predeceased by her parents, Martin and Justina Durksen, twin sister, Helen, and sister Katie.

Hilda was born in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. The family moved to Ontario where Hilda graduated with a degree in education.

She married Walter in 1964 and for the next few years supported him while he completed his studies. They settled in Abbotsford where they adopted Mark and two years later, Heather, who were always told they were chosen by God specially for this family. Their adventures brought them to China to teach English (1983-1985). Upon their return, Hilda enjoyed working as a bank teller (Clearbrook Credit Union, then CIBC) until retiring to become a full-time grandma in 2009.

She will be remembered as a spicy, creative, and loving woman with an infectious sense of humour and smile, who always lived life in the moment. She was an incredibly talented artist with a love of painting and enhanced anything her hands touched. A purse was never without an extra pocket or different clasp and her clothes always had her personalized touch, as she also loved to sew.

The family would like to thank Lorna (family-friend and nurse) for her amazing care of Hilda for the last many months, the doctor, Blanche, and all of the incredible staff at Christine Morrison Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Christine Morrison Hospice.

Mom's celebration of life will be held at Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church in Abbotsford on Friday, April 19 at 1:00 pm. Mom loved colour, feel free to wear something bright.

We will miss you every second, but we know that you are now resting comfortably in Heaven.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength". Isaiah 30:15

