



REMEMBERING
Shirley Mortimer

March 1, 1929 - June 1, 2011



Daughter of Thomas William and Violet Mabel Squires, beloved mother and much loved member of the community left us suddenly June 1, 2011. Shirley is survived by her sons Art (Sue) and Rick; daughter Ruth; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and is fondly remembered by the Grace family. She was predeceased by her daughter Christine Grace and our father Hugh Mortimer. Shirley's first job was at Woodward's Department Store, she soon left that to go into training as a psychiatric nurse at Essondale. Mom met our Dad while he was driving bus on that route and they soon married and began a family. As the tender age of forty-one Shirley decided to go back to school and spent the next four years earning her Bachelor's Degree of Psychology. She became a Probation Officer until she took early retirement in 1988. Shirley kept busy as a volunteer until she became a member of the Board of Parole from 1998 to 2002. She then became active with BSOSS in senior peer counselling and did a term as Chairman of the Board. Mom was given the Local Hero Award by the City of Burnaby for her volunteer work in community policing in 2004. Shirley settled down a little after that, content with studying creative writing and taking various other courses to keep her mind active as her body slowed down. Mom was a prolific reader with a bright and engaging personality and thirst for knowledge that could never be slaked. A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, July 22 between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Royal City Curling Club, 75 East 6th Avenue, New Westminster. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences to the family may be made to www.wiebeandjeskefh.com.

