Deirdre (Dee) Diana Muriel Robinson

Dee Robinson slipped away in her sleep on September 16th, 2017 at the age of 92. Dee was the fourth of five daughters of Raymond and Gladys Norman (Mary, Gwyneth, Elizabeth, and Georgina) and one son, George (Georgina’s twin). Dee was the last of that generation of Normans; they were a wonderful rowdy bunch. Her parents and uncles homesteaded in the Herschel, Stranraer, Rosetown and Neilburg areas of Saskatchewan. They all had big farms which we visited most summers and enjoyed the farm lifestyle in the days when 12 year olds drove tractors and had so much freedom.

Dee lived with her extended family in North Vancouver, Los Angeles and Long Beach as a teenager and in 1948 she met and married Jack Sargeant Robinson in Weyburn, SK. They moved to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and raised four children, Craig (Ethel), Deirdre (Brian), Jill (Jim) and Jacqueline. Dee had seven grandchildren: Courtenay (Rebecca), Rachel, Bud, Jack (Elizabeth), Thomas, Rebecca (Travis) and Evan and six great-grandchildren: Josh, Maya, Cooper, Max, Isla and Wylder.

Dee and Jack helped start the Yellowknife Public Library and she was a librarian there for 30 years. Dee worked at the Victoria Public Library for 20 years and loved historical books and in particular books about the Civil War and Sir John Franklin. Dee loved people and animals and at the age of 85 she rode one of her niece’s Arabian horses in a parade, complete with an Aladdin costume.

Happy Trails Mom!