

Barbara Maxine Annette Stewart

(August 12, 1924 - July 5, 2004)

Born in Ladysmith, B.C., to Ewart Gladstone and Anna (Sisco) Ayliffe, sister to Doris Jocelyn Alder of Victoria, B.C. and Laura Elizabeth Ayliffe of Vancouver, B.C. Loving wife of George Carvolth (d. July 17, 1969), and loving Mother, role model and friend to George William and Gordon Gladstone.

Upon graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1946 from St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria, Barbara worked as a Stewardess for Trans-Canada Airlines (Air Canada); and with Canadian Pacific Airlines to Australia and inaugural flights to the Orient. She also worked as an Eye Surgery Specialty nurse at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, and as an occupational health nurse for various companies in Vancouver. Upon her retirement, she was an inaugural member of the New Westminster Senior Peer Counseling Group. She excelled at and thoroughly enjoyed her work in this area for several years. After settling into the Comox Valley she was an active volunteer with Senior Peer Counseling, Sen-Dial and the Comox Valley Nursing Centre.

Barbara grew up, lived and worked in many cities in Canada, including Port Alberni, Victoria, Burnaby, the Comox Valley, Moncton, and Yellowknife; but, her heart was always at Long Beach, now Pacific Rim National Park. Known as Pixie to her family and many close friends, she lived her life in the sure knowledge of God's love and blessings.

She lived with Celiac disease all her life, and sought to improve her own understanding of this condition. Since she always liked people, she endeavoured to help others who had it. In the late 1990's she contracted a mucus based cancer which has ended her earthly life. Her spirit, which has touched all who have known her, lives on in the presence of God.

A celebration of her life will be held in Comox at St. Peter's Church hall (218 Church Street) on Monday, July 19 beginning at 2:00 pm. A celebration of her life will also be held in Victoria at St. Mary of the Incarnation (the new church at 4125 Metchosin Road) on Thursday, July 22 beginning at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Canadian Celiac Association by calling toll free 1-800-363-7296.