



Mary Gretchen Alexander,

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Gretchen Alexander on February 22, 2009 after a short illness. Born on July 12, 1922, to Dr. Donald and Lillian McCallum, Mary was pre-deceased by her brother Peter. She is survived by her daughter Kathy (Greg) of the US, her ex-brother-in-law Ken Alexander of Toronto, and her Victoria family members: ex-brother-in-law Robert Alexander (Norma), nephew Brian Alexander (Terry), niece Corinne Alexander (Rob Gordon), great nieces Jess, Hannah and Arielle, and great nephews Zach and Curtis. Mary was born in Watson, Saskatchewan, moved with her parents to Vancouver, and became an adoption social worker in the Fraser Valley. She married Donald Alexander, who was with the Canadian Government Travel Bureau and they were posted in several large cities throughout the US. Mary had many life-long friends, loved to travel, was articulate and well-read, had a passion for writing, even publishing a book on Canadian artist titled, "Sybil Jacobson: Painting in the West". She retired to her much loved family home looking out on Gilles Bay on Texada Island where she lived for many years, enjoying visits from family and friends. When her health declined, she moved to John Alfred Manor in Victoria to enjoy and have the support of family nearby. She especially loved and appreciated her frequent visits with Corinne and Arielle. Thank you to Dr. Ross McKay, her friends and the staff at JAM, and the incredibly compassionate and attentive Beacon Community Services staff. Special thanks to Rob and Norma who put in extra effort at home to keep things going while Corinne and Bob were busy with Mary. Your love and support is truly appreciated. No service at Mary's request. Ashes interred at Ocean View Burial Park in Burnaby, BC, with her parents. 530357

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