

Helen E. Bandy (1932 - 2014)

Obituary



We are deeply saddened by the rapid decline and the death of our much-loved mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, sister and, to so many of us, a dear friend, Helen Bandy (nee Price). What a wonderful life lived, with so much more to do. Helen loved and supported her sons, Brian, David and Keith, and cherished her daughters-in-law, Silvana, Kelly and Leah as the daughters she never had. She adored her grandchildren, Nick, Chris, Joao, Michael, Kiera and Claire and was always there sharing in their lives and achievements. Helen was born in Dublin, Ireland, and raised in Kent, England, both places influencing her character and outlook, and giving her an accent that she never quite lost. She found her true home in Victoria, where she moved with her family (with her beloved sisters, Nancy and Sheila) as a teenager, finding there her life-long friends Mavis, Marie and Kay. Helen came from a lineage of scholars and engineers, a background that certainly inspired her career choices - her childhood interest in architecture gave way to her training in biochemistry at UBC, and then to the education of educators at the University of Victoria. It was at UBC that she met her husband of 56 years, John, and developed their shared love of adventures in the natural environment; fishing and boating on the coast and summers at Hornby Island served as paradise on Earth for Helen, John and their sons. Helen's adventures did not stop with John's death in 2010; since then Helen has traveled to Costa Rica, Brazil, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, England, Mexico, and was paddling and hiking in the Peruvian Amazon as recently as January, but always with regret that she could not share these last adventures with John. Throughout her life, Helen enjoyed the company of so many good and close friends; her childhood friends, her sisters, her neighbours, Bridge partners, colleagues and generations of student teachers - all were truly welcome at happy hour on her back patio. We all loved her, we miss her and we are left to treasure the memories of many special times spent with Helen. A party for Helen will be held in her garden at 4580 Torquay Drive, Victoria on Sunday July 13th, 2014 at 2pm.

Guest Book

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