



REMEMBERING
Verna Payne

September 24, 1948 - August 7, 2014



It is with great sadness that we announce that Verna passed away peacefully Aug. 7, 2014 after a brief but courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Verna was pre-deceased by her parents, Gerry and Betty Valleau. She is survived by her loving husband and best friend of 46 years, Brian, their children and grandchildren, Marilyn Neufeld (Bernie) - Tessa, Holly; Rob Payne (Sandra) - Curtis, Megan, Jenna; sister Jean Valleau, sister-in-law Karen Simmons (Wade), brother-in-law Cal Payne (Patty); the extended Payne & Valleau families and many good friends. Verna was born Sept. 24, 1948 in Victoria BC, but grew up and attended school in Duncan. Verna & Brian lived and raised their family in Duncan & Ladner before moving to Ottawa. Upon retiring in 2006, they returned to Duncan and the Payne family home on Gibbins Road. Verna quickly became involved in the Auxiliary to Cowichan District Hospital, serving on the Executive and was active in establishing, then enjoyed volunteering at the Thrift Store (HATS). Over her life, Verna worked as a bank teller, florist and school bus driver. Although her life was too short, it was very full. Verna enjoyed time at the family cabin at Sunshine Valley, cruising on their boat the Khenipsen, extensive travels, camping, fishing, golfing, sewing, quilting and watching her children & grandchildren grow and participate in their various activities.

Verna and family are thankful for the exceptional care provided by Family Physician Dr. Rossouw, the medical professionals at Cowichan District Hospital, at the Victoria Cancer Clinic and the Patient Care Centre, Royal Jubilee Hospital, esp. Drs. Attwell, Cohen, Mazgani, Savage & Smatinova and Palliative Care Dr. Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, it was Verna's wish that donations be made to the Auxiliary of the

Cowichan District Hospital or the CDH Foundation. A celebration of Verna's life will be held on Thurs, Aug. 21, 2014, 1pm-4pm at the Quw'utsun Cultural Centre, 200 Cowichan Way, Duncan BC.

