

Phyllis Gertrude Roberts

Obituary



ROBERTS, Phyllis Gertrude (nee Mercer) December 11, 1917 - 2015 Fiercely independent, Phyllis lived life in her own indomitable style and lived alone in her much loved Blenkinsop home until earlier this year. She died on Thursday, November 26, aged 97, in the Arbutus View Unit at the Gorge Road Hospital. Phyllis was the eldest daughter of Saanich pioneer farmers Robert and Gertrude Mercer and she is survived by her sister Muriel, nephews Paul (Stephanie) and Scott Douglas and her great-niece Caitlin. A proud 1940 Jubilee Hospital nursing graduate, Phyllis spent much of her career working with foster care families. She was a gardener, garage sale enthusiast, bridge player and traveller, always talking of the possibility of one more trip to Australia or Maui. Her increasing infirmity and reliance on an electric wheelchair did little to slow her down and she made good use of the Handy Dart. Phyllis valued her involvement with Saanich Silver Threads, For several years she served on the Board, and until her hospitalization six months ago, Phyllis volunteered every Monday in the Thrift Store, where some days she was her own best customer. The family wishes to thank Beacon Community Services, Handy Dart drivers, Tru Value Foods Cordova Bay and caring friends and neighbours without whose support Phyllis would not have been able to stay in her own home for as long as she did. At Phyllis' request there will be no service; instead, please think of her each time you drive through the Blenkinsop Valley and hopefully you will smile as you remember her, and times shared.