

Margaret Elaine Tatham



TATHAM, Margaret Elaine (nee Don) March 3, 1923 - February 24, 2010 We sadly announce the passing of Margaret, Marnie, Mum, Granny, Great-Granny after a brief illness. Margaret was loved by many for her thoughtfulness, easy going manner and for being an excellent listener. She was a nurturer, and like the birds who found refuge in her backyard, she welcomed all - except fools and pigeons.

Margaret was born on a small farm in Mayerthorpe, Alberta then moved with her parents to Victoria. Like many Prairie farmers, her warm personality was accompanied by a strong independent streak. She met her husband, Joe, in Victoria and they married when he returned from war in 1946. Joe stayed in the Army and the next twenty years was a coast-to-coast adventure. As the Sergeant Major's wife, Margaret was classy, dignified and supportive. As a mother, Margaret was a rock. She provided love, continuity, support and stability to five growing children as we moved with regularity from Army base to Army base, left friends and changed schools. She regularly threatened to hit us with the wooden spoon, but never used it. And each child rightly claimed she loved me best.

When Joe died and after thirty-five years as a homemaker, without missing a beat, Margaret quickly enlisted at BC Ferries and stayed there until she retired. The Corporation never ran so well. Margaret was always a strong believer in community service and volunteered her time

to many causes. She was a Life Member of the Provincial Chapter IODE women's service organization and held many offices as a member of the Tsawwassen Chapter, Provincial Executive Committee and as a Past President of the Lower Mainland Zone.

To learn more about this great volunteer organization go to www.iode.ca. This promo would make her smile.

Margaret was pre-deceased by her brothers Jim and Jack. She is survived by five children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A reception to celebrate Margaret's life will take place March 20th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Delta Funeral Home, 5329 Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner, BC. In lieu of flowers: please make donations to the Tsawwassen Chapter IODE, 163 - 49 Street, Delta, BC, V4M 2P1, attention: D. West.