Wilhelmina Maria Betts



JUNE 26, 2023

Wilhelmina (Willy) Maria Betts (nee Blom) went home to be with her Heavenly Father on June 26, 2023, surrounded by family. Willy was born to “May” and “Jack” in ’s-Gravenmoer, Noord Brabant, in the Netherlands where she and her family lived before immigrating to Canada in 1954. Willy grew up in Vancouver where she worked in her father’s bakery and eventually met her husband, Nelson. Willy and Nelson had three children Steven (Kymm), Kim (James), and Tom (Jenn) before opening their home to children who needed a safe home. Dan and Barry became family. Willy loved her children and was so excited when her grandchildren, and later great grandchildren came along. Willy adored her 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Willy had many hobbies including painting, knitting, baking, scrapbooking, and card making. Willy had a heart for people. She loved to make others feel special and never missed a chance to celebrate others whether it be with baking or a homemade card. Willy spent many years volunteering at the Missions Thrift store. She loved her Thursday shifts and rarely missed a week. Willy will be dearly missed by her family and friends. The family would like to thank the staff at Langley Memorial Hospital ICU for treating her like family and taking such good care of her during her stay.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 3, 2023, at 11am at

Willoughby Christian Reformed Church.

20525 72nd Ave, Langley, BC

Messages of Condolence

Willy will be so missed by all of us at The PNW, GreenPlanet & HIT family. She was such a joy to see in PNW Surrey. Our condolences to the entire family.

— Mark Walman

So sorry for your loss buddy, she raised a great son, kind hearted and caring. I never met your mom but can definitely see how great she was how she raise you my friend.

— Felipe

Willy will be missed, my prayers are with the entire family.

— Raj Padhiyar

My deepest condolences to the whole family. I'm praying for you and your family during this difficult time.
Willy, you are gone but not forgotten. May you Rest in Peace
You will be missed!

— Pina Madayag

She will be missed by everyone. Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.

— Sy Haw Wong

May she be granted the peace she deserves
My deepest sympathy for your loss.

— Mahdi Banafsheh

Condolences to the entire family, Willy will be missed and always remembered, it is an honor to say that I knew her. She was truly one of the nicest people on this earth.

— Abby Abiodun

So sorry for your loss Kim. Praying comfort for your aching heart.

— Susan Barkman

I count myself so fortunate to have Auntie Willy as part of my family. I will miss her cards, her smile, and the beautiful light that surrounded her and that she shared so graciously with all she met. Much love to the family as you navigate the loss of your beautiful wife and mother.

— Debbie Wilson

There really are no words, I’m very sorry for everyone’s loss. Willy was like a second mother to me. We were all very lucky to have known one of the kindest most caring humans I have ever met. She will be very missed.

— Justin

A very special lady and my favourite Aunt. My heart breaks but know she is safe and out of pain in heaven

— Maureen Rundle

Please accept my sincere condolences. There is no one in this world like Willy. She was a special person and she will forever remain in our hearts and memories. She will be forever missed!

— Diana Qian

Rest well, Willy. You were always so kind and gracious with everyone. I extend my sincerest condolences to the Betts family.

— Caitlin

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