Jeanie McIntosh Davidson



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Jeanie (June to many) indeed led a remarkable life. During WW2 she nursed many a wounded soldier back to good health. On the cheeky side of her complex personality she did not hesitate to purchase nylons and other items on the black market. To this day it is a mystery to us all how she managed this feat.

During the 8 year tenure in Peru Jeanie, on her own, criss-crossed the Atlantic Ocean with a baby and toddler in tow to visit family in Scotland. Meanwhile Bill worked for Cerro de Pasco Smelting in La Oroya until Peru nationalized the industry.

After a taste of the desert life in Texas, and eventually settling in BC Bill returned to his chosen career as master mariner and Jeanie returned to nursing. They continued their travels to Panama, Colombia, Mexico, Cuba, Hawaii, Fiji, Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Barbados; and from Alaska to the Florida Keys.

When not exploring exotic destinations Jeanie tended her beloved begonias, tomatoes and every flower in between.

Family was first and foremost to Jeanie, and although subtle at times, she supported us without reservation. She always had our backs. Friends, many of whom remained lifelong, were also important to her. She made them easily and readily wherever she went up to and including her age of 100.

With amazing strength of character and matching will power Jeanie was not one to back down from a challenge, and boldly spoke her mind on any issue at hand. At

the same time she was a thoughtful and generous person who quickly reached out to anyone in need.

Back to the cheeky side of her complex personality, and true to her Scottish heritage, she took great delight in “besting” the vendor when it came to hunting for a good bargain. In anticipation of a lively political or otherwise debate the light-hearted provocative verbal poke to an unsuspecting individual was a trademark of her wicked sense of humour.

Jeanie was neither rich nor famous but she enriched many other lives by simply giving of herself, and when she gave it was with her whole heart and soul, and every fibre of her being.

That was just who she was.

Messages of Condolence

June was a neighbor of ours in Beach Grove. Alex used to help her out in the house with odd jobs and we enjoyed visiting with her. We are sorry for your loss.

— Lisa Rennie

Sorry for your loss to Fran & family. We know she lived a long and healthy life until the last year or so and kept her wits about her. We got to know her a bit when we visited Fran several times. She loved company !

Take care, Brian & Dianne

— Brian & Dianne Collier

June was born in the house next door to me, the first baby to be born in the house built by her father who was a renowned stonemason in Scotland, United States and Canada. I remember her and Bill from our Scottish village and later in Nanaimo and Beech grove. I was privileged to be a part of June’s 100th birthday celebrations last year. Rest in Peace June .

— Helen Mason

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