

Betsy Ruth Filion

MAY 18, 2013

Our beautiful Mom passed away on May 18, 2013. Predeceased by her loving husband of 38 years, Hank (1989) and her devoted companion of 21 years, Doug Dougans (2013). She will be dearly missed by her daughters, Jill Diane (Ron) and Judi Anne. Mom was predeceased by her parents, Ernest & Martha Yardy and 12 sisters and brothers.



She was a founding member of the Tsawwassen Tennis Club; volunteered for 40 years at the Canadian Cancer Clinic and Triumph; spent the last ten years as a volunteer at the Delta Hospice Cottage store. She loved to entertain - for over 30 years she hosted a Ladies' Day with the women from the TTC and Arbutus Tennis clubs; held annual Christmas soup nights with her Beta Sigma Phi sorority sisters and many other milestone events with their dear friends. Mom will be remembered as a faithful parishioner of St. David's Anglican Church. She was treasured by many and will be missed.

Our thank-you to Dr. Hollinger; the staff at Delta Hospital Emergency and the Delta Hospice for the care and respect they showed Mom. Her niece Rosemary was no end of support to her daughters. Ellen and Keiko were Mom's caregivers and we are forever grateful for their wonderful care of her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 6 at 2:00 pm at St David's Anglican Church in Tsawwassen. As expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to the Delta Hospice Society or the BC Cancer Agency.

We will cherish you always in our hearts, Mom.

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

Dearest Judi & Family,

Our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your dear mother. She was very fortunate to have such a wonderful family and she is now at peace with the loved ones who have gone on before her.

Love,

Gil and Maureen

— **Maureen McCallum & Gil St. Onge**

Jill and Judi...so sorry to read of the death of your beautiful mother.

I think the last time I saw her was when I was playing at St. David's Anglican. And lots of good memories.

I will not be able to attend the memorial service, but thinking of you and your family.

Love, Pat

— **Pat Rogers**

Dear Jill and Judi how saddened I was to see your beloved Mother's passing. From the time you were little girls your mom and dad were such a big part of your lives! The Delta Academy of Dance was when I first met your family and felt the sweet spirit of a happy family. May the Lord give you a sense of peace and the many happy memories Of your beautiful Mother Betsy!

Love Nini

— **Nini Dell**

Thinking of your family and the loss of such a beautiful, classy woman. Blessings,
Kim

— **Kim (Dell) Ondrik**

Judi and Jill,

I'm so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting her I know how very large a part she played in your lives and how much she was loved by you. Thinking of you both at this time of loss.

With sympathy, Stephanie

— **Stephanie Smith**

How very sorry I was to hear of your Mother's passing. Wow, what a lady, in every sense of the word ! She was strong, sensitive, talented, thoughtful, wise, inspirational and a LOT of fun ! The best hostess, and she taught me so much at how to entertain. (how I loved the garage and all the treasures for parties !) I once was there after there had been houseguests for a week, and there was a dead plant on the fireplace. She laughed and said that she didn't have time to worry about that when she had people there who were so much more important !!! And the tea tray in the kitchen, always ready for company. The huge sit down dinners and every table with a tablecloth and matching napkins, the HUGE tennis parties, with not one paper plate in sight! The sunday invite for a drink and an appy. And once Betsy lying on the sofa with a headache, too much fun the night before, but the party continued because of course everything was ready and waiting for the guests. She wasn't down long, she was always ready to make you feel special. A life well lived, and we will always remember both your parents ! They were a wonderful force !

And my husband and I are better people for having known them both..... with love, Bobbie and Bob !

— Roberta Putnam

Dear Jill and Judi,

It is with sadness that I am writing today to send you our condolences on the passing of your beautiful Mom. We will miss that beautiful smile and her sense of humor. She was a lady and dealt with her issues quietly, and never a complaint. She set a high standard for her sorority sisters. We loved our Christmas's with her, she was the hostess with the most-ess! Judi and Jill, remember the happy times, as we all will.

Love to you both, Sandi and all her Sisters

— **Sandi Vidulich**

I only know you through Betsy's talk about "my girls". Sincere condolences to both of you. Betsy was a great sorority sister to me and I always felt such a special rapport with her when we visited over coffee at the end of a meeting. You could say that we "clicked" and we enjoyed each other's company.

I hope you both are at peace with your Mom's passing, she was a wonderful lady, determined, with a very strong mind.

No matter what, she always looked great.

I will remember her often with great pleasure and often with a little chuckle.

With sympathy, Jantien Golsteyn

— **jantien golsteyn**

Dear Jill & Judi

WE were so very sorry to hear the sad news of your mother, Betsy.

She was a very beautiful lady, and we know she will be dearly missed. We had such great fun with Betsy & Hank in our days with Delta Players - Oh so long ago !!

I had a few lovely moments visiting with her recently while I was playing the piano at the Delta Hospital. She was a very special person.

Our deepest sympathy to you both

With love, Ernie & Gail Radies

— Ernie & Gail Radies

Betsy was kind and gracious person with great style - a wonderful companion over the last 21 years to our father Doug who adored her. Losing Betsy is like losing a member of our family and she will be greatly missed. I

Carol and Dougans

— Carol Dougans

Dearest Jill and Judy: We were so sorry to hear of Betsy's passing - we have known your Mom for 35 years and spent a lot of great moments together with your Mom and Dad at all our respective social gatherings - at Jill's concerts, and, for 25 years, Betsy, Shirley, Janine and I (Carla) played the "Royal Game" of Mah-Jong - we had so much fun together!

Your Mom was a master at hiding her pains and unpleasant happenings in her life - always kept smiling her charming smile.

Jill & Judy: knowing that so many called her their friend, and that they will miss her, will be a comfort to you.

We are sorry not to be able to attend the Celebration of Life, but will be thinking of you, and of the many warm moments we spent with your Mom.

With our sympathy,

Carla & Ad van Haaften, Peachland, BC, Canada

— Carla & Ad van Haaften

Judi and Jill

I just heard of your mother's passing and would like to offer my sincere condolences. I remember the days in Tsawwassen when your Mom was always so happy after having a great game of tennis! Thinking of you. Denise

— Denise Davis (nee Hartmann)



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