Zia Hawkes



SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

In loving memory of Zia, who was born in Llantwit Major Glamorgan GBR to Dr. Victor Saddler and Elise Blodwin (Deere) Hawkes. After moving from England to Toronto at the age of 24 and then Winnipeg from 1949-1955 she finally settled in Vancouver in 1956 where for many years she taught Secondary and Primary students, retiring from the teaching profession on June 30 1989. She completed her College work in England, and then in the University of British Columbia graduating with a B.Ed in 1958 and her Professional College of Teacher certificate in 1988. She taught English and French in Winnipeg and Vancouver schools and will long be remembered by a multitude of pupils for her gracious loving manner and excellence in teaching.

Zia was a dedicated Christian, baptized in water in her Baptist church in Sheffield on April 20 1947. While in Vancouver she attended and contributed as a member of First Baptist church in Vancouver. She was predeceased by her beloved sister Madeleine and her parents and is survived by, her brother Rev. Dr Paul and his wife Mary Ann Hawkes as well as her nephews Rev Mark Hawkes and Rev. Dr Paul Stewart Hawkes and their respective families.

The family would like to extend their thanks to Amherst Private Hospital nursing staff for their care of Zia over the last remaining years of her life. She is now with her Lord Jesus Christ whom she loved and served. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to the Missions department of First Baptist

Church (969 Burrard St. Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y1).

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

There will be a brief memorial service for the two sisters, Madeleine and Zia Hawkes held in the chapel at Alternatives Funeral & Cremation Services at, 3070 - 275A Street Aldergrove, BC V4W 3L4 on Friday September 26th at 3:00 pm.

Messages of Condolence

Zia & Madeleine were my neighbors when they lived in the same complex I still live in. I remember them fondly as they were always kind and comforting, They prayed with me many times for which I was very grateful. May they rest in peace now with their beloved Lord.

— Anne Trudel

Miss Hawkes was my grade 9 French teacher at Gladstone in 1963.She was a very patient and understanding lady.I remember when she was upset,which was rare she would say Zut Alors!!! God rest her sweet loving soul.

— Peter Rodgers7

Please accept Terry's and my condolences. Zia was a wonderful friend and a great mentor in my early years of teaching. When Zia and Madeleine moved to their condo, we grew even closer as we were now neighbours, looking after each other's places when off on vacation.
Some of my fondest memories of Zia are having tea together, meeting in Hawaii, having breakfasts at the Secret Garden, and our visits at Amherst as we recalled happy times.
I shall miss Zia, but I know that she is in a better place.
Elaine mcGauley

— Elaine McGauley

I remember with pleasure English lessons with Miss Hawkes at Rupert's Land School in Winnipeg. I am sure that she went on to be an excellent teacher and friend to many people.

— Jocelyn Willis

Zia and Madeleine were long time friends introduced to me by my friend Elaine. Had many fun visits in their home (with the birds) and in Kauai. Glad they are now together and with Jesus. Marsha

— Marsha McDermid

How many adults today use “Favourite teacher: Miss Hawkes “ in their security passwords!? I am 76 years old and still remember her wise words and high standards. My friends and I often speak of her. We had her as a teacher in elementary at S Wilfred Grenfell and then she followed us to Gladstone- were we lucky!

I am a little late leaving a comment but not to late to let it be known-she won’t be forgotten

— Susan Cook(Lundquist)

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