



REMEMBERING

Marjorie Bear Bradley

May 23, 1925 - December 14, 2012



Passed away December 14, 2012, holding hands with Tom, her teenage sweetheart and her treasured husband for 67 years, something they have done from the day they first met in 1941. In her passing she also leaves her loving sons Bill, his wife Marguerite and grandchildren Matthew, Catherine and Jessica; and Norm and his wife Sherry and grandchildren Ashley and Courtney. Predeceased by parents William and Mabel and her sister Dorothy. Bear was a wonderfully warm and caring person to all who were welcomed by her contagious smile and friendly personality. Her happiest days were those spent with anything and everything to do with her grandchildren- these were the best days for Mother "Bear". Born in Courtenay, BC, Marge's early years were spent in the Vancouver Island towns of Port Alberni and Port Mellon where her dad was employed building sawmills. In the one room schoolhouses she attended Marge was called upon to teach the younger ones, a trait she passed on to her two boys. Her swimming abilities were amazing, developed in earnest from regular tosses off the log booms by the boys. When her family moved to Vancouver she honed her competitive tennis skills daily at Grandview Park. Marge attended Templeton High School and when she graduated from Britannia in East Vancouver, her mother enrolled her in a stenographer course at Sprott Shaw College and her career was off and running. She was a secretary to the sales manager of the Canadian Fish company and later a credit advisor and customer service associate for Timothy Eaton's until she retired. Marge met Tom through her girlfriend while working at the Five & Dime Store in East Vancouver and one ice cream cone later they became lifelong partners. When Tom joined the Navy during the second World War, Marge had the distinction of being the only sailor's girl who wrote a letter to Tom every single day for three years. Bear's real work was her selfless service to everyone and everything. Whether it was being President of the Babe Ruth Baseball League, boy scout convenor, Sunday school teacher, baseball scorekeeper, typist for BC High

School Boys Basketball Association or refreshment convenor for the Alzheimers' Society for 10 years, she always put others ahead of herself. An avid football fan, Bear was a founding member of the BC Lionsbackers Club. She was also an original season ticket holder to the Seattle Seahawks, travelling with Tom to Seattle on Sunday mornings for the famous tailgate parties, which they brought back to BC and the Lions on game days. When Marge and Tom retired and moved from their East Vancouver home to Abbotsford, she quickly became the Abbotsford Panthers best fan and later chief supporter to the travelling Kelowna Owls. The players fondly remember her cooking and fun loving nature. We will miss you Bear but your strength and positive spirit will be forever with us! A private, family remembrance will be held at a later date. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Worthington Pavilion whose professionalism was displayed in the diagnoses, treatment and loving care that Marjorie received during the year. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

