

Norma Lillian Loughton



LOUGHTON Norma Lillian (nee: Nash), age 87, of Port Moody, BC passed gently through the veil on May 3, 2021 at McKenney Creek Hospice Residence in Maple Ridge.

Norma was a woman born ahead of her time and place. She was an adventurer and creative soul who pursued her dreams and interests without fear. She was the first mother on the block to wear blue jeans, teach swimming and lifeguard, get a pilots license (float and then aerobatics), scuba dive, practice judo and tai chi. In her second act, she returned to Kwantlen College and completed an Associate Degree of Fine Arts and pursued her talents in painting, printmaking, and sculpture. She participated in collective projects and was the founding Curator for the Plaskett Gallery (New Westminster) and the Gallery at the Mac (Victoria). Her creative gifts were boundless, like her mother before her she could design and build anything with textiles and like her father she could build and carve furniture. She had a magical way of picking up and producing a good tune out of any musical instrument; she played in two English hand bell choirs. A world traveller, she journeyed afar many times including Australia, China, Polynesia, Columbia, Europe and most of parts of North America. In short, she was one-of-a-kind.

An only child, Norma dreamed of having a large family which she and Bill achieved in their 63-year marriage four daughters, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. They called Vancouver Island (Ladysmith, Chemainus and Port Alberni), New Westminster and Port Moody home. Like her father

before her, she had a way with animals and was something of a cat-whisperer. She will be missed by her two ridiculous cats.

Norma is predeceased by her parents George and Lillian Nash, her parents-in-law Cecil and Agnes Loughton, and the son-she-never-had her very dearly loved son-in-law Stephen Snowden. She is survived by her four daughters, Valerie Britton (Renee), Kathy Krulitsky, Connie Loughton (Ray Tickson) of the Lower Mainland and Pamela Loughton (Sean Hirtle) of Stratford, Ontario. She will be missed dearly by her six grandchildren, Noah and Ruth Krulitsky, Reece Tucker (Rhi), Mackenzie Loughton (Stevie), Courtenay and Averie Tickson and her great granddaughter, Ava Krulitsky; her brother-in-law, Robert Loughton (Frances) of Port Coquitlam.

The family wishes to acknowledge the care that Norma received in her final weeks at McKenney Creek Hospice Residence, and we are grateful for the attention and comfort provided to her by the care team over her final days.

There will be no funeral service. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations can be made in her name to: Ridge Meadows Hospice Society, #102-22320 119 Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 2Z3, or online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12000>.

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