Jean Sproule (nee Yull-Stuart)

March 1939 – January 2016

Surrounded by the love of her family, Jean departed peacefully after a brief time in hospital. She is survived by David, her loving husband of 55 years (Victoria); daughters Sidney (Guelph, Ont), Robin (Yellowknife, NWT) and her partner Traci Mercer.

Jean was born in the town of Piestany, Slovakia, and lived there with her maternal grandparents throughout the war. She had a happy childhood tagging along with her grandfather at the Skublic's family farm in Vesele. In August 1950 Jean started her solitary journey to Canada to join her mother Didy and step-father, Jake Woolgar. Home would be Yellowknife where Jake had a prospecting business. She met Dave Sproule at UBC in 1957 and they were married in Vancouver in December 1960.

Jean became an army wife living in various towns and cities across the country and raising their daughters, often on her own, when Dave was posted overseas or on operational deployments in Canada.

Jean and Dave settled into civilian life in Yellowknife in 1977 where she pursued her career in the Federal Lands division of Indian Affairs. They moved to Vancouver in 1986 and she continued working but with the finance office at Canfor. After a few years of retirement, in June 2015, Jean and Dave moved to Victoria and were enjoying their new life here.

Jean had many dear friends in Yellowknife, Vancouver, in her new hometown of Victoria and throughout Canada. She loved her home and garden, canoeing northern waters, cross country skiing under the northern lights, annual trips to the theatre with friends in Ashland, Ore, recently discovering the joys of Maui, and of course a single malt with good friends.

The family wants to thank Doctors Spence, Galindo, Haltelid and other attending physicians; nurses Munira, Devinder, Emily, Kirsten as well as other staff for their kind and caring attention to Jean. There will not be a service but there will be Celebration of Jean's life in the fall. Donations in Jean's name may be made to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in care of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, Wilson Block, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1J8, or donate online or to a charity of your choice.