



**BAKER, RITTA**

Age: 88 of 215 Feitchausch Ave, Princeton

Passed: May 14, 2015 at Princeton General Hospital

Born: Rita Ecosonara, March 21, 1927 in the City of Arhus, Denmark

Ritta spent her early years living in Esberg, a port city on the west coast of Denmark. It was here she received her education during the German occupation while 13 to 18 years of age. This experience had an effect all of her life. Moving to Copenhagen to continue her education, she married Poul Hansen, an architect where they raised three children: Inge, Bente, and Lars. With a strong desire to immigrate, the family chose to move to Canada in 1956. With children aged 2, 6 and 12, Ritta with family belongings came by boat to Halifax, then by train to Vancouver to join her husband. Anxious to get settled in her new country she got a job selling sewing machines from door to door and did very well. Not having driven a car in Denmark, she took one lesson, passed her driver's test and was on her way. Always involved in independent sales she became a consistent high producer in real estate for the next 20 years.

For a change of pace Ritta, together with son Lars, started a travel agency in Coquitlam: Travel Network. It was through this course of events that she met a new member of the same program located in Maple Ridge: Mury Baker. Working together to establish their new business lead to more than just work, and marriage followed sharing 26 happy years together. Ritta was active with the Danish Sisterhood and the Danish Lutheran Church in Burnaby. Always involved in community affairs and outdoor activities, camping was one of her favorites. Retiring to Princeton for health reasons allowed her to appreciate the value of the mountains and great outdoors. She has said the only time she was ever lonely was standing in the famous Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, only to wish she was home in Canada. Ritta is survived by her husband Murray of Princeton, son Lars of Port Moody, daughters Bente Hansen (Eric Waterfield) and Inge Norris of Powell River, Arlene (Paul) Villeneuve of Whonnock, Elaine (Harvey) Weeks of Creston, together with being blessed with 7 grandchildren. A Celebration of Ritta's life will take place at a later date.

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