

ENGLISH — Ruby Blanche (Ready)

Devoted wife and beloved mother, grandma and great-grandma passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 25, 2008 in Princeton, BC at the age of 81. She died of cancer related issues with her family by her side. She was very brave right to the end. Born in Kindersley, SK on July 1, 1927. Ruby moved to Vancouver with her sister in the mid 40's where she met and fell in love with her future husband, Jim. After a yearlong courtship they were married on March 27, 1948. They had two children whom they raised at their home in Port Coquitlam and acreage in Coalmont, BC. They so loved the peaceful mountains that in 1972 they moved to Coalmont permanently. Ruby had fond memories of her travels to New York during the 60's and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. After more than sixty years in the last autumn of her life she finally returned to visit the homestead where she was born. She regularly travelled to visit family, which she cherished more than anything else. Ruby was affectionately known as "Granny" to family and friends alike. In her younger years she played classical violin and was self-taught on the piano. She was happiest when she was surrounded by her loved ones and always made people feel special. Ruby was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56. She also enjoyed riding horses, camping and conversations down at the campsite. She loved to watch the birds from the kitchen window. Ruby is survived and will be dearly missed by her loving husband of 60 years, James "Jim", son Patrick (Mary), of Chilliwack and daughter Lynda of Coalmont. Granny will be remembered and missed by her 6 grandchildren: Chrissy (Rod), Cathy (Peter), Kelly, Graig (Andrea), Tara (Carl), Cory, her great-grandchildren, Lauren, Seamus, Lucas, Madison, Logan and her step-great-grandchildren, Konrad and Scott. Her sister Sara "Dot" Vair (Jack) of Vancouver, many nieces and nephews, extended family, and the cats: Tom and Compy, that loved her also survive her. Many friends and fellow Legion members will also miss Ruby. The family would like to thank all her friends for their cards, flowers, phone calls and visits during her last days. Special thanks to the staff at Princeton General Hospital for making her last days comfortable. In keeping with Ruby's final wishes, there will be no formal service. Instead her remains will be privately cremated and a memorial gathering will take place at a date to be decided amidst the spring flowers and singing birds that will always make us think of her.