

TOMKINS — Vivian "Vinni" (nee Nelsen). A golden heart stopped beating October 3rd, 2004 in Princeton Hospital. At peace after a painful struggle with bone cancer, Vinni leaves her husband, Al, of 55 years, who will forever miss her; children, Rick and his wife Denise, Summerland, Sue and her husband Harry Alton, Hedley, Curt and his wife Michelle, Kelowna, and Chris and his wife Sandy, Port Coquitlam; also her much-loved grandchildren, Jonathan, James, Daphne, Rory, Connor, Matt, Elizabeth and Nicole. Predeceased by her brothers, Arnie, Harry, Vic, Sam and Jack, as well as her parents, Nels and Emma Nelsen; she is survived by two sisters, Rose Anderson (John) Princeton and Jeannie Evans (Chilliwack); brothers, Denny and Don. Vinni was born in Revelstoke, B.C. on October 17th, 1929; her father, Nels, was a world champion ski jumper; her mother a descendent of the Picards, early B.C. pioneers. Vinni moved to North Vancouver as a child, where following the early death of her father, her mother raised all ten children alone. After the war, she met and fell in love with Al - they married in 1948. After raising four children they retired to their beloved acreage in Princeton. Vinni's generosity, sense of humour and love of life will be missed - she loved a good party, going fishing, and creating anything she put her mind to. Vinni was a very special person to a lot of people. A Celebration of her life will be held Saturday, October 9th at Princeton United Church.

Vivian Tomkins Obit



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