



Mary E Reid

April 8, 1922 - July 31, 2014

Esther (Mary) Harriet Wilhelmina Johnstone Reid, of Bellingham, passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on July 31, 2014 with her loving family by her side. Mary was born in Glasgow, Scotland to Esther Harriet Paterson (nee McMahon) and Andrew Johnstone Jardine Paterson. Mary spent her childhood growing up in Scotland, China, and Hong Kong where her father served as a chief engineer for the Jardine Matheson shipping company.

Mary is survived by her two children Bruce Reid of Kirkland, and Sheilah Reid (Eric) of Bellingham; and her four grandchildren Grace Reid, Elizabeth Skoczenski, Georgia Reid and Evan Skoczenski. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Joseph MacEwan Reid and her brother John Johnstone Jardine Paterson. She also leaves behind cousins and other relatives in the United Kingdom.

Mary served in the naval intelligence branch of the British Navy as part of the Women's Royal Naval Service and was on the staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Supreme Allied Commander of the South East Asia Command. During the war years Mary was stationed in India, North Africa, and Sri Lanka. Following the end of World War II, Mary moved with her family to Vancouver, B.C. and after her marriage to Joe, moved to Bellingham in 1952. Mary worked in the trust department of Bellingham National Bank before beginning a career in residential and commercial real estate, spanning

over 40 years, in which she made many lifelong personal and professional friends.

Mary loved to travel , especially her yearly trips home to the old country to visit her Scottish relatives as well as other parts of the world to attend her naval reunions. She was always able to find a way to travel, often on her own until just a couple of years ago. Mary had a love for the sea and one of her favorite ways to travel was by ship, whether it was when she was a child traveling between the Far East and Scotland or later in life when she would travel across the Atlantic on the QE2 home to the old country.

The family would like to thank Whatcom Hospice House for their loving and attentive care.

Farewell Tribute Information

A celebration of Mary's life will take place August 21, 2014 from 2-5 PM at the Hotel Bellwether Ballroom, 12 Bellwether Way, Bellingham, WA. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to the Whatcom Hospice House or the Whatcom County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ One of Mary’s favorite sayings, which she attributed to her mother — “What’s for you wont go by you”. So I suspect that our friendship was meant to be, it always felt that way.

Mary was and will always be a very dear and close friend, with that wry smile and Gaelic lilt, and her lovely “penny” lectures. It was always enjoyable to spend time with her. She brought so much to the table with her stories and stuff...

She was never one to sit still for long, always wanting to be off somewhere, time for a trip, a new adventure, people to see. She was so much fun and will be missed and thought of warmly as she goes off on her new adventure — with that wry smile and Gaelic lilt of hers...

Douglas Bennion - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM