



REMEMBERING
Catherine Faulkner

April 6, 2023



My dear friend passed quietly on April 6, 2023 after a brief and peaceful period of letting go of this life.

Catherine was born in Lesmahagow, Scotland in 1928, but she usually said she was from Glasgow. She chose midwifery as a vocation when she was a teenager, emigrated to Canada in the '50s as a Registered Nurse/Midwife, and gratefully took out Canadian citizenship ... her only caveat being that as a proud Scot she was somewhat loathe to pledge loyalty to the throne of England!

Catherine lived variously in Windsor ON, Edmonton AB, and Vancouver BC but when she discovered Salt Spring Island she knew she'd found her forever home. She was a nurse on staff at Lady Minto Hospital for many years, but also had a lifelong love of live theatre. After her retirement, she was able to devote copious hours of her time to the Salt Spring Players and many other societies ~ Theatre BC, Voice of Women, SS Seniors' Society, SS United Church, the SPCA, as an original volunteer at ArtSpring, and also as an original volunteer at Meadowbrook.

While she lived independently until she was in her eighties, she happily gave up the burdens and chores of that lifestyle to live in Meadowbrook, then Braehaven, until she began to require more assistance and last year moved to Greenwoods.

I am eternally grateful to the staff of all three residences (and also the Extended Care Unit) for their patience, kindness, and understanding. They all took the time to get to know Catherine, learned to appreciate her acerbic wit and intelligence, and became good friends to both Catherine and myself.

A gathering to remember my friend is arranged for Monday, June 26, 2023 at 2 pm in the Salt Spring United Church hall. I look forward to renewing our mutual

friendships. (Dawn Luker)

