

**MAGNES,
Kay E.**

Dec. 14, 1938 - Dec. 28, 2018

Kay passed away peacefully on Dec. 28, 2018 in the loving and professional care of Mount Cartier Court in Revelstoke, B.C. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Lois Davis and husband Ken Magnes.

Kay was born in Tisdale, Sask., the youngest of four daughters to John and Lois Davis. The family moved to Renown, Sask. in 1940 where they operated the Co-op store, which included a gas station, grocery store, lumber yard and the post office. Kay learned to work hard and give back to the community during this time, a quality she continued for the rest of her life. After high school, she attended nursing college in Saskatoon, Sask. Kay often came home during breaks from school to help out at the store. On one such occasion, a young man named Ken Magnes had come to town working as a holiday relief telegrapher for the railroad and he was eating his meals at the Davis household. The attraction between Kay and Ken started at first sight and continued for life. They married on July 2, 1960 and had three children, all born in Saskatchewan. In 1968 the family moved to Revelstoke, B.C. when Ken got a job as an insurance agent for Fruit Growers Mutual, a division of the Co-op. Kay stayed home for a few years, and then returned to nursing at Queen Victoria Hospital in Revelstoke when it opened in 1972. As an Operating Room nurse, whether Kay was in the OR at times of joy on the birth of a new child and at times of sorrow, she always remained calm and organized. In 1988 Kay became the hospital Director of Nursing and remained in that position until 1993, when she retired to enjoy golf, travel, gardening and time with her friends and family.

Kay and Ken always had a deep love for Revelstoke. They showed this love and commitment through their work with many community organizations; one of Kay's favourites was the United Church Women's group. For years, many wedding receptions or large group dinners in Revelstoke were likely prepared by the UCW and Kay just loved the camaraderie of this group. She taught Sunday school and was in the choir and church remained a huge part of her life until health became an issue. During retirement, Kay and Ken travelled with close friends to locations near and far including trips down under and to Europe a number of times. Both remained active in the community as long as their health allowed. The most notable event they were part of was their involvement in the Revelstoke community revitalization project and the Plaza on McKenzie Avenue. For many years you would see them on summer nights sitting in the plaza listening to music and chatting with their many friends.

Ken and Kay also put tremendous effort in keeping the extended family connected and every five years for 25 years they organized and hosted a family reunion in Revelstoke. There were often 80 to 100 people attending from all over Western Canada. Today that strong family bond continues in large part because of their efforts and the love they shared with each and every member of the family near and far.

Survived by their children: Charlene, Calgary, Alta., Brad (Wendy), Victoria, B.C.; Sheldon (Tami) Edmonton, Alta.; and grandchildren Denon, Garan and Pyper. Remembering her always are Kay's siblings Ruth Campbell (Don, deceased) Nanaimo, B.C.; Evelyn Mudry (Mervin, deceased) Watrous, Sask.; Joan McIntyre (Derwood Anderson, deceased; Charlie McIntyre) Winnipeg, Man. - including many nephews and nieces.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 20, 2019 in Revelstoke, B.C.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Alzheimer's Society in Kay and Ken's name would be kindly appreciated to support the important work being done by this society.