

HUYBEN, Maria (Ria) (nee Van den Brand)

Born: April 6, 1944 Died: June 27, 2011

With sad hearts we say goodbye to a unique woman who passed away on June 27th in Victoria, BC. Ria immigrated to Canada in 1967 as a newlywed with her husband Gus who passed away in 2001. After living in and near London, Ontario for 37 years she moved to Victoria, BC in 2004 where the climate reminded her of the Netherlands, her country of birth. She will be deeply missed by her daughters Brigitte and Mireille, her son in-laws Jim Runkel and Glenn McArthur, and her special friend Imre Horvath. Ria was a loving Oma to Jordan, Clay, and Chase McArthur and to Joel Runkel. Ria's youthful spirit will continue to live on in the hearts and memories of her family and friends in Victoria, Ontario and Holland. A celebration of Ria's life will be held on Sunday, July 24th, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Rest Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church, 9300 Willingdon Road, Sidney B.C. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Victoria Hospice Society which runs the Thrift Boutique where Ria volunteered once a week. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.sequoiagardens.com . 632164

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