



**REMEMBERING**  
**Irene Frances Vasseur**

August 10, 1919 - May 23, 2017



Irene (Rosie) passed away quietly on Tuesday, May 23, ending a long and happy life. She was born in Vancouver on August 10, 1919. Irene was predeceased by her husband Harry in 2003 and her son Rennie in 1990. She is survived by her daughter Diane (Herb) and son Ray (Marian). Missing Irene are her three grandchildren Michelle (Richard), Derek (Jen) and Kyle (Paula), and their children Gabe, Luke, Addy, Ella, Sarah, Josh, Muirin and Teirnan. Irene also embraced Cheryl and Charlene and their children Jake, Savannah, Dillan, Drew, Kait, Breah, Ava and Koen. Irene, along with two brothers and two sisters, was a true "up-coaster," raised mostly by their mother at Knight Inlet and later at Broughton Archipelago. She met Harry in her teenage years and they were married in 1939. Together they lived a rugged life in float houses until 1964 when they moved to Powell River. Harry was an independent logger and fisherman. Irene was experienced in remote lifestyle and spent many hours preserving venison, fish and crab. Together they had a great social life with neighbours in nearby bays and inlets. There were great parties held at Echo Bay Hall during that time and they were full of stories to share about their life. Once in Powell River, their love of the ocean continued and they spent many hours fishing and touring local waters, anchoring in their favorite spots. Mom had her special dishes; her blackberry and apple pies and potato salad made with homemade mayonnaise were just a few of the dishes we all loved. She was a gentle, patient mother and a generous and loving grandmother. The grandchildren were always welcome and she never tired of their visits. She lived her life with grace and dignity. May she now rest in peace. Ray and Marian want to thank their children and Irene's friends for their support and visits to GG. Thank you to Doctor Rossouw and the staff at Evergreen Care Unit for their loving care the past few years. A family gathering will be held in July to celebrate Irene's life

