



Ruth Burstahler

Ruth Burstahler's Bequest to Salt Spring Hospice Society

Ruth's gift to our Hospice is undoubtedly connected to her years of service in hospice care with the Canadian Cancer Society. It is with much gratitude that our Hospice acknowledges this extremely generous donation to promote the work in service to the Salt Spring Island community that all our volunteers and staff give themselves to. Ruth gave of herself during her lifetime in service to others in many parts of the world. Her nursing degree from the University of Manitoba set this gentle lady on a lifetime venture of caring for others. As a member of the local congregation of the United Church of Canada, Ruth had a permanent pew-position just inside the entry door, where she calmly acknowledged all who entered. She was referred to as "the unassuming welcoming committee" for her many years of making others feel "at home" in that space.

Our commitment to Ruth's legacy is that these funds will be employed in the Salt Spring Island community in the same dedicated manner as Ruth gave to others in her own life. We will honour her memory through our programmes so that the "roses" she loved will continue to bloom in the midst of the care others quietly receive from the hearts of our dedicated volunteers and staff.

