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Lilian passed away in Rancho Mirage, California after a short battle with stomach cancer.

Lil was born in Regina, Saskatchewan. She graduated from Central Collegiate High School, where she had been active in synchronized swimming, basketball and cheer-leading, in 1950. She married chartered accountant James (Jim) MacGillivray Campbell Morton on November 30, 1957 in Chicago. Jim and Lil settled in Connecticut, and daughters Catherine (1959) and Elizabeth (1960) followed soon after. In 1968, Jim's career took him to Surrey, England, where the family remained until 1974. During this time Lil was able to develop her expertise in cooking through classes in a Cordon Bleu cooking school. She also honored her Danish heritage by serving the traditional Danish smorgasbord, complete with icy cold Akvavit.

In 1974 the Mortons relocated to Kelowna, BC. It was around this time that Lil joined the local branch of International Toastmistress Clubs to overcome her fear of public speaking. She remained active in ITC (later called International Training in Communication) for the rest of her life, even holding the office of international president at one time. The club gave Lil many excellent

opportunities for travel (which Jim was not interested in), and she made many good friends at ITC.

In 1980, their daughters having moved on to university, Jim and Lil moved to Victoria, which became Lil's primary residence for the balance of her life. Lil loved Victoria and was involved in many groups and volunteer organizations there, most notably ITC, the Classy Crafters, Santas Anonymous and the Victoria Women's Transition House. She enjoyed the moderate climate, the farms and the flowers, especially those at Butchart Gardens. In 2008, Lil purchased a vacation property in La Quinta, California, where she spent her last five winters. She got involved in many groups there as well, and made many friends in a short period of time.

In addition to her involvement with public speaking, Lil was a lifelong bridge player. She developed an interest in creative arts and crafts, particularly card making, later in life, and these activities gave her much enjoyment. She was also a lifelong learner, attending many courses and workshops on a variety of topics, and became a Reiki master in her 70's. She stayed physically active for most of her life and enjoyed swimming and walking. She was especially devoted to her two dogs.

Predeceased by Jim in 2005, Lilian leaves behind daughter Cathy and son-in-law Dave Stone, daughter Liz, and dogs Maggie and Sally. She also had two friends from childhood, Robert (Bob) Hewitson and Jean (Duff) Swanson, who remained her friends for her entire life and were very dear to her.

The family would like to thank Morning Star Residential Care Home and Shangrila Hospice for the care provided to Lil during her final weeks. We also appreciate the assistance of Dr. Peter Schulz, Dr. Varun Gupta and the other staff associated with the Eisenhower Memorial Hospital who cared for Lil during her illness.

The family gratefully declines flowers. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Lil's memory is encouraged to contribute to their favorite animal charity. A funeral is not being planned at this time. Information about future events in Lil's memory will be posted on this website.