

Goodbye to Mary



Mary died after a month of home hospice care. She had a urinary tract infection, leading to pneumonia. After a week in the hospital, she came home for a restful hospice with a view of the lake and surrounded by many of her Rosemaling pieces. Tim, Todd, Kirk, and I were able to be together with Mary during this time.

Mary and I had a great last summer together, even with the late stages of Alzheimer's developing. We made a car trip almost each day to a park, scenic view, or hidden road through the woods. We had a picnic 3 or 4 times each week. Mary's face would light up, she have a big smile, and clap her hands when I suggested we were going on a picnic. Every day was special.

As many of you know, Mary was blessed with always being in good humor and having a delightful smile. We had a wonderful life, being together for over 57 years. I am thankful for the many friends that made these last years enjoyable even as her condition worsening.

There will be a celebration of Mary's life on our wedding anniversary, June 22.

