



# Lilian Ester Dudfield

(1920 - )

Lilian Ester Dudfield, a dynamic leader in community health care, was born and educated in London, England. In 1945 she came to Canada as a war widow with her infant son.

She met and in 1949 married Herbert William Dudfield with whom she had 5 children. The couple moved to Mission in 1974 where in addition to being a devoted mother and wife, Lilian pursued her career as a medical office assistant. In 1977 she became manager of the Mission Oaks Medical Centre where she worked until her retirement in 1987.

A volunteer all her life with strong convictions, Lilian became "a force in health care circles." She helped raise funds for the Mission Red Cross and served on the Mission Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, the Hospital Auxiliary Executive, the Mission Community Health Council and Mission Community Health Advisory Committee.

She was also a member of the Hospital Ethic's Committee and the Pastoral Care Committee that established the chapel. Among Lilian's most notable contributions was her founding of the Mission Hospice Society, a volunteer-based organization that offers invaluable support to the terminally ill and their families.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements, Lilian had received many awards by 2003 including: the District of Mission Community Service Award (1989), Citizen of the Year Award (1999), Medical Office Assistants Association of BC Outstanding Service Award (1986) and Mission Hospice Association Lifetime Membership (2001).

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