

Banto Betty Gill (nee Johal) passed away Saturday November 19th with her children by her side. Mom was born in Vancouver August 26, 1928 to Gurdas Singh and Bhani Kaur Johal. The second eldest of eleven children, Mom is survived by her siblings Bachan, Paje, Jeet, Dee and Dave; children Charan (Carl), Vicky (Eric), Hardave, and grandson Travis. Mom was predeceased by our father P.S. Gill.

A long time Richmond resident Mom made her home a centre for family and community including the Lansdowne racetrack family.

Mom was a respected leader in the East Indian Khalsa Diwan Society, actively involved in the Horsemen's Benevolent Society and numerous community groups. Her work ranged from being a translator at Vancouver Airport, various jobs at Exhibition racetrack, and clinic assistant with Richmond Health Department.

Although she had to leave school at a very young age to help her family, Mom's true calling should have been a lawyer, doctor or mechanical engineer. Mom was a hard worker, innovative - a renaissance woman with her own set of tools! She baked cakes, mended fences, roofed the house and was the number one cheerleader for the Canucks - but was foremost Mom, Sister, Gram, Auntie, Chachi Ji, Great Grandma, Betty G and friend.

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