

Catherine Ann Dilworth



Catherine Ann Dilworth was born in Kamloops on January 27, 1905. She was the daughter of British parents who met in Canada.

When Catherine's parents, John Dilworth and Kate McLaughlan, were married in Vancouver on January 8, 1902, John gave his address as the "Village of Kault".

Catherine's parents acquired a tract of land on the west side of Sorrento to develop a family farm. It is called the Dilworth farm to this day. The land, once known as "Maplehurst Ranch", took many years to develop as it was cleared by hand.

Following in the footsteps of her mother to dedicate her life to others, this sensitive, soft spoken and gentle young lady decided in the early 1920's to become a registered nurse. By 1929, Catherine had graduated with honours from the Kamloops Hospital Academy of Nursing. She practised nursing in the Kamloops Hospital and then later moved to work at the B.C. Tranquille Sanitarium for Consumptive Patients about ten miles from Kamloops

She nursed in Vancouver for a number of years before moving to San Francisco, California, where she worked until the end of the 1960's. She retired and returned to Sorrento to care for her ninety-year-old mother.

In 1998, Catherine Dilworth moved to Bastion Place care facility in Salmon Arm. The staff there recalled her as a gracious and undemanding lady who was so very appreciative that made it very easy to do the little extras for her.

Catherine Dilworth passed away peacefully in Bastion Place in Salmon Arm on April 3, 2005 at the grand age of 100 years.

Please read the full story in our Memory Book:
www.shuswapfoundation.ca

Catherine's Legacy

November 15, 2007, was National Philanthropy Day in Canada.

By a happy coincidence, it was also the day the Sorrento Lions Club presented a cheque for \$75,451 to Shuswap Community Foundation, bumping the Foundation's total capital over the \$2 million mark.

In 2005 Catherine Dilworth, a longtime resident of the South Shuswap community, bequeathed a substantial portion of the residue of her estate to the Lions Club and requested the money be used for the betterment of the community.

And the Lions Club did just that! In addition to the gift to the Foundation, they gave over \$174,000 to the Shuswap Lake Hospital Foundation's CT Scanner Fund.

Shuswap Community Foundation used the gift to establish a permanent endowment fund known as the "Sorrento Lions Club-Catherine Dilworth Memorial Endowment Fund."



Clyde Tucker, Shuswap Community Foundation past president, is flanked by in-coming Sorrento Lions president Larrie Grant (left) and past president Don Burgoyne (right), as they complete signing the Deed-of Gift for \$ 75,451.05 setting up a permanent endowment fund known as the "Sorrento Lions Club-Catherine Dilworth Memorial Endowment Fund."