



Martha Waldena Rumpel better known as Violet, Vi or lovingly 'Viola' by her predeceased husband Edward Carl Rumpel(2006). Married for 67 years they had 5 Children, 8 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren. Vi wore many hats in her life of 105 years. She was sweet, funny, loving, a gracious caregiver, a baker of scrumptious delights, a queen bee beauty, a selfless provider, a daring adventurer, an unappreciated saint, a talented artist, a feisty lady with a quick wit, an innovative leader, a tender hand, and most of all a lady who took care of business the best way she knew how. She was one in a million to our family and to all the people who knew her. Her heart and spirit will always be with us. We LOVE YOU and your memory and fortitude will live in our hearts forever.

Vi was a hard worker, resourceful and knew about tough times....from the age of 19 to 27, "You could always get a job as a domestic, even in those days," Vi explained. "I didn't know how to cook or anything but I was smart enough to ask how they liked their food prepared and self studied the magazines and cookbooks".

She worked five years on and off for a Colonel Spencer and his family in Vancouver, the **Woodwards family**, the Dunlop (tire) family in Toronto. In her 20's, Vi went to California for 6 months, she worked for the Lipmans he was the editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. She recalls that one day their guest was the secretary of President Herbert Hoover, Vi was to make a pumpkin pie for desert and she came up with the idea to pour warm honey over the whipping cream. It was a great success.

From 1960-1970, Vi worked as a **salesperson at Woodward's used furniture store on Water Street**. All the other sales people were men, and being the only woman, she enjoyed the attention and teasing of her workmates. She cherished and remained friends with Nan Jacks the wife of one of her co-workers, who are now all deceased. This area of Vancouver is now known as Gastown. "In those days it wasn't nearly as lively a district as it is today," Vi remarked.

Vi worked long days and took the bus to and from work, but that didn't prevent her from keeping active. She recalls that Ed and her would take long walks together and skate every Tuesday night at the rink, without fail. "We never missed a week ... by Gosh when Tuesday evening

came, it didn't matter how tired I was from working all day, I wouldn't miss our skate at Kerrisdale Arena for anything".

Vi would have joined the WoodPens' club much earlier and participated more fully but only found out about it through Hank Pulles (also a previous Woodward's employee) when she moved into SunCreek Village at the age of 103.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring 2017. Please check the Guest Book and Tribute Page link: <http://bit.ly/2jUOs3n> for further details.