



Following Gillian's Service you are warmly invited to join us at the Ascot Park Hotel for the sharing of memories and some light refreshments from 3pm.

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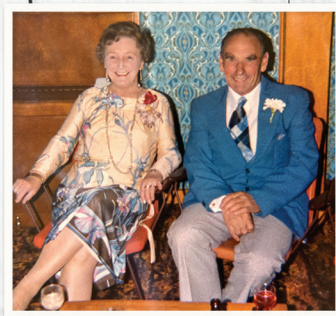
Gillian Fay Buckby

17.04.1945 - 18.12.2023



Gillian's Story

Gillian Blackmore was born in Alexandra on April 17, 1945 to Agnes and Keith Blackmore. She led a vibrant life with a love for family, music and community.



While working as a Karitane Nurse in Christchurch, she met the love of her life, John Leslie Buckby, on a blind date and they married on June 12, 1965.



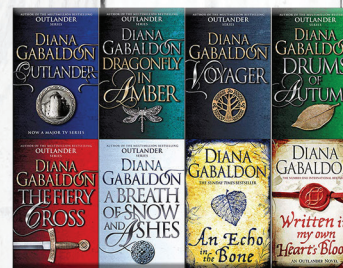
Gillian loved to go ice skating with her family on the Manorburn Dam and shared her passion for music by teaching piano at home as well as crafting as a dressmaker.



Gillian treasured family and friends, fostering children in Southland through Presbyterian Support and working in elder care at Healthcare New Zealand and volunteering for 11 years at Orphans International showcased her commitment to community service.



At home, birds filled her life—budgies, canaries, finches, quail, lovebirds, and to the grandchildren, a memorable cockatoo.



A woman of diverse interests, Gillian found joy in gardening, knitting, crocheting, and weekly games of Skip-Bo and Scrabble with friends and family. Throughout, she treasured the bonds of family and friends, leaving behind a legacy of love and connection.

