

OBITUARY

Jean was born the fourth child of Evangeline and Harold Sylvester in Multan, which was in India pre-independence. She spent her early life in India, and then moved with family back to Edinburgh, Scotland, where she attended George Watson's Ladies College.

Jean was an outgoing, energetic, adventurous, mischievous person with a strong sense of community. She loved sharing time, activities and stories with family and friends. She enjoyed the arts, gardens, the natural world and visiting new places. Jean fell in love with Alexander (Sandy) Brown and they married in 1952. Shortly thereafter they left Scotland to work in the Middle East. Sandy's architectural work led them to Nicosia, Cyprus, where Jean worked as a newsreader for the Cyprus Broadcasting Service. In the late 1950s, unrest relating to the drive for Cypriot independence led Jean and Sandy and their two sons to return to Edinburgh. There, they set up home and were joined by a daughter in 1961. Jean's strong sense of community motivated her to become involved in charity work that included acting as Chair of a home for unmarried mothers for over a decade, acting as compère for charity fashion shows, and presenting a radio show for a local hospital on Christmas mornings.

In 1980, Jean and Sandy parted ways, and she emigrated to Vancouver. She married Ted Andrew (another Scot), and together they led an active life hosting regular family visits, introducing Canadian friends to Scottish traditions such as Burns nights and whisky (without an "e"), sharing visits to Bard on the Beach, and travelling the world. They moved to White Rock in 1998 and became active members of the community and St John's Church. Ted acted as church treasurer for many years, while Jean led poetry sessions and other activities for parishioners. Jean also continued her charity work, becoming friends with her Meals On Wheels clients. When Ted died in 2023, Jean moved to Sunrise of Vancouver, where she passed away peacefully three years later.

Jean is survived by her children Alistair (Carolyn), Magnus (Anne) and Meredith (David); her grandchildren Rowan, Dawn (Ross), Kyla (Richard), Kimberley, Myles (Charlotte) and Cameron (Louise); and by her great grandchildren Maddison, Erin, Julie, Alexander, Sienna and Ariana. Jean is also survived by her step-children Eric (Anne) and Kathryn (Gary); her step-grandchildren Daniel (Tiffany), Michelle, Murray and Allison (Adam); and by her step-great granddaughter Lily.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

Jean Andrew

SEP 24, 1931 - SEP 7, 2026



SAINT JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1480 George Street, White Rock, BC

September 19, 2026, 11:00 AM



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Moonlight Sonata 1st Movement (Beethoven)

Musician: Reynhardt Crause

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Thomas Kim

Prayer

Rev. Thomas Kim

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 23, King James Version

Read by Cameron Brown

Eulogy

Personal anecdotes and stories of Jean's life

By Alistair and Magnus Brown

Hymn

"All Things Bright And Beautiful"

Reflections (Tributes and Memories)

Family and Friends

By the Grandchildren,
represented by Rowan, Dawn, Myles,
Daniel & Allison
By Eric Andrew

Other Memories

Slide Presentation

Music: "Highland Cathedral"

Second Scripture Reading

John 11 verses 25,26

Read by Murray Dunne

Closing Song

"What A Wonderful World"

Prayer & Benediction

Rev. Thomas Kim

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach)

Lunch Reception and Memorial Display

