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DROZD With her family by her side, Frantiska Drozd passed peacefully, at the London Health Sciences Centre, University Hospital, on March 29, 2008 at the age of 76. Frantiska (Frances) was born in Brno † Obrany, Czechoslovakia to her parents, Frantiska and Ferdinand Trnecka on May 24, 1931. Refusing to live life under the communist regime, Frantiska and her family made a daring escape to freedom in 1968 and chose to begin a new life in Sarnia, Ontario. This was later followed by a happy retirement with her husband John in London. Frantiska was well liked by co-workers and friends. She had a successful career, working as a supervisor in the payroll department of a military hospital in Brno, Czechoslovakia. She later became a secretary at the International Expedition Place. In Canada, Frantiska became a successful piping and electrical designer working in the petrochemical industry, first in Sarnia and later at Syncrude in Ft. McMurray, Alberta. In 1986, Frantiska became a heart transplant recipient at the University Hospital. She and her family relocated to London, where Frantiska worked for the next 22 years as an accountant for the law firm of her daughter, Zora Drozd, in Sarnia, Ontario. Frantiska enjoyed many great travels and adventures in her life, both before and after her heart transplant. She was a model of compassion and kindness. Frantiska took on everything life sent her way with strength and dignity, which is something everyone learned from her. Frantiska was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was happily married to her husband, John, and enjoyed a very close and loving relationship with her children, Zora, John, and Sandra, and later with her son-in-law, Rick De Jong, and her grandson, Cole. Frantiska also enjoyed a loving relationship with her sister, Kveta Kobylkova, and her niece, Simona Pechova, both of whom reside in Prague, Czech Republic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 10:00 am, at the Holy Family Parish, 777 Valetta Street, London. Following the celebration of her life, Frantiska will be cremated and interred at the Oakland Cemetery, 390 Oxford Street West, London. If so desired, please make donations in Frantiska's name to LHSF, Multi-Organ Transplant Program. You will be forever loved and missed. Na Schledanou Fano. Westview Funeral Chapel, 519-641-1793, entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences accepted at condolences@westviewfuneralchapel.com VIEW Ad as seen in The London Free Press Published: Mar 31, 2008



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