



# Obituaries

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### **McGUIGAN, MICHAEL**

#### ***Announcing Celebration of Life***

*Michael McGuigan, 72 of the Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario passed away peacefully on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.*



Michael was born in Toronto to Thomas and Priscilla (Robitaille) McGuigan. Michael was the second of three children. He is remembered fondly by his older brother Thomas McGuigan of Barrie, Ontario and his younger sister Maureen McGuigan of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Michael earned a degree in Economics from York University. He had a successful career in telecommunications at Bell Canada. His work at Bell Canada took him to Saudi Arabia for two years.

In retirement he was the much loved bus driver Mike in the Town of Blue Mountains.

In May of 1981 he married the love of his life, Nancy Ardiel. Michael is survived by his daughter Caleigh of Calgary. Michael is predeceased by his son Daniel. He will be missed by sister in law Sue Salter (Chris Roberts) & brother-in-law John Ardiel (Lynda). Uncle Michael to Kristen Robb, Andrea van Vugt, Mark McGuigan, Greg & Liam Ardiel. Predeceased by his sister in law Ileana McGuigan and niece Tanya Heath.

Michael was an avid sports fan. He loved to host dinners and travel the world with his wife Nancy. He loved to share stories.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place at the Lora Bay Golf Club on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 1 until 4 o'clock.

As your expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Trillium Gift of Life 'Organ Donation', would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### SMITH, JAMES GLENESK

*Jim Smith of Collingwood passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the age of 83.*



Born on December 24, 1935, Jim was a son of the late Mary Balfour and James Smith.

Jim was the beloved husband and best friend of Vicky Faulds of Collingwood.

He was the proud father of Carol Jackson (late Robin Francis) of Burlington; Papa of Ben, Melody and Hal and Great Papa of Hali, Aries and Beckham. He will be remembered fondly by Vicky's son Paul and as Opie to Jessica and Taylor.

Jim is survived by his sisters Irene (Jamie) and Agnes (Peter) and was predeceased by his brothers Brian (Betty) and Ian (late Delores).

He will be remembered by Vicky's brothers Andre and Frank and their families, and as a fun, helpful and kind man by his many special friends and neighbours, especially Claude and Cora who have shared many good times and laughs.

Cremation has taken place and as your expression of sympathy donations to Errinrunc Nursing Home, where Jim received excellent care, would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

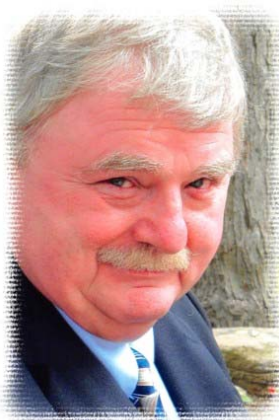


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### **HOGGARD, BRYAN ALVIN**

*Born in Collingwood, Ontario on October 31, 1953, a son of Audrey (nee Ferris) and the late Tom Hoggard of Thornbury, Bryan passed away following a lengthy illness at Collingwood Nursing Home on Thursday April 11, 2019 at the age of 65.*



Bryan was a railway engineer with Canadian National Railway for many years until his retirement.

He will be remembered as the beloved husband of Beth of Collingwood and the late Christine who predeceased him in 1990.

Bryan will be the sorely missed Dad of Tom Hoggard and his wife Baan of Toronto and Kimberly and her husband Norm Gosset of Ottawa and grandfather to their son Bruce. He will also be recalled as a special step-father and Grandpa to Andrew and his wife Angie Reiche of Midland and their children Cash and Nahanni, and to Stephanie Reiche and her partner Stephen McCullough of Collingwood and their son Sawyer.

He was a dear brother to Shirley Foster of Thornbury and was predeceased by a sister, Gloria Jean and is remembered by her husband Blair Cornfield of Collingwood.

Bryan will be recalled with great affection by his aunt Alice Hoggard of Thornbury and by his several nieces and nephews and their families.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial funeral service celebrating Bryan's life will be conducted at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on Thursday April 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. with visiting the hour prior to service.

A service of committal and interment will follow at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery followed by a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy donations to the Parkinson Society or Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **GORDON, LAURA 'IRENE'**

*Irene Gordon of Centennial, Colorado, USA, and formerly of Thornbury and Clarksburg, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2018 at the age of 98.*



Born in Clarksburg, on February 13, 1920, Irene was a daughter of the late Herbert and Hanna (nee Later) Wilcox.

She was the beloved wife and dance partner of Cecil Gordon, who predeceased her in 1993.

Irene was the caring mother of Beverly Gay and her husband Gord of Colorado, USA. She was the loving grandmother of Lauren, Kara, and great grandmother of Taylor.

Irene was predeceased by her sister Bertha Wilcox and her brother Ralph Wilcox (Mary). She will be remembered fondly by the Gordon family and by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Irene was quite a business woman! She had many interests and was a notable clothing designer, master tailor, artist, quilter, and avid square dancer. She was very active in her community and helped with the Beaver Valley Fall Fair and the Beaver Valley Outreach. She began her career in Owen Sound, eventually moving to Toronto and retiring to Orangeville and Florida. She later returned to Thornbury, and then to Colorado, USA, where she celebrated her 'rusty years'. If asked to share her secret of longevity, she would tell you ... 'just keep dancing'!

All are invited to join Irene's family to celebrate her life at the Marsh Street Centre, 187 Marsh St., Clarksburg, ON N0H 1J0, on Friday, June 7, 2019 from 11 until 2 o'clock, with tributes being shared at 1 o'clock. A service of committal and interment will follow at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach or the Marsh Street Centre, would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)





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### **EDWARDS, BARBARA ANN**

*Barbara Edwards (nee Bales) passed away on March 28, 2019 with family by her side. Barb will be remembered as a kind and beautiful person who loved spending time with her family, friends and community.*



Adored wife and partner in life for 64 years, she will be greatly missed by her husband Milt. Her daughters, along with their spouses, Diane & Glen Ryan, Cathy & Mike Mewett and Lori & Mike Harder, will cherish their special memories. Loving Grandma to “her boys” Brett (Emily), Corey, Robbie, Scott, Jeffrey and Andrew, and great-granddaughter Nora. Born in Toronto, Barb was the much loved daughter of Earl and Ruth Bales and sister to Mary (David) Hill.

Barb was a special and dear friend to many and she will be fondly remembered for her laughter and grace. We are grateful for our community of friends, extended family and the caring staff at the Owen Sound Hospital. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at The Golf Club at Lora Bay in Thornbury, on Sunday June 2, 2019 from 1 until 4 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy to the Beaver Valley Outreach ‘BVO’ or the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **ACKROYD, OLIVE MARY**

*Born in Kincardine on December 29, 1924, a daughter of the late William and Hilda (nee White) Farrell, Olive passed away at her residence at Errinrunga Nursing Home in Thornbury on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the age of 94.*



Olive was the last of her generation. She was predeceased by her four siblings and their spouses; her husband, Bob Ackroyd (1916-1983) and his six siblings and spouses; and her son, Rodney (1943-2014). She is remembered as the loving mother of her children, Rodney, Heather (Grondin), Mary (Lang), Gayle (Gibson), Wendy (Bremner) and their spouses. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Robert Surgeoner, John Lang, Alex Proracki, Natalie Proracki, and Patricia Gibson. She leaves great-grandchildren, Caelum Bollard and Emily Lang.

Cremation has taken place. Family and friends are welcomed to the inurnment at Providence Cemetery, 14580 Innis Lake Rd., Caledon East, ON L7C 2Y8, on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11:00 am. Subsequently, a Celebration of Life get-together will be held at the Consulate Room of the Royal Ambassador Banquet and Conference Center (15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon) at 11:30 a.m.

If so desired, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach 'BVO' can be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **HARRIS, FREDERICK GEORGE**

*Sadly, Fred Harris of Thornbury passed away at home on March 28, 2019.*



Kind, faithful, patient, loving husband for 52 years of Brenda (Graves); loving, supportive, gentle Father of Charles (Kim) of Hearst ON, and Peter (Bea) of Toronto; proud Grandpa of Sarah, Rose and Abigail of Hearst and pleased, but shocked that time had passed so quickly as to allow him to meet his first Great Grandchild, Ryder.

Grieved by his sister Joan of Hamilton and brother John (Marie) of Rawdon P.Q.

Fred was a good-natured man of high intellect and insight who led by example, rarely criticized and was easy to be with.

Our wish for Fred is that wherever he is now, the fishing is good and the PC party strong.

A celebration of Fred's life will be shared at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on Saturday May 11, 2019 from 2 until 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### McGUIRE, HAZEL DOREEN

*Born in Duncan on November 23, 1923, a daughter of the late Thomas Nelson Foster and Pearl (nee Shaw), Doreen passed away at Errinrune Nursing Home in Thornbury on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at the age of 95.*



Doreen was predeceased by her beloved husband, Keith Sandford McGuire, in 1988 and is remembered with love by her family: son Tom and wife Mary McGuire of Thornbury, daughter Pat and husband Jim Morrison of Blue Mountains, daughter Sandra and husband Dennis Spooner of Collingwood, son Lester McGuire and Joanne Loughheed of Meaford, daughter Linda and husband Rob Ambrose of Sudbury and daughter Kate and husband Jeff Trevors of Coldbrook, NS.

She will be the sadly missed Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great-Great Grandmother of Jeff (Heather) McGuire and their daughter Ashley of Gilford, Randy (Patricia) McGuire and children Aiden and Ally of Burlington, Angela (Bruce) Ewald of Elliott Lake and son Frank and children Noah and Kaden, Jessica (Jeoff) Bueckert and children Melissa and Keira of Alberta, Rebecca Ewald of Ottawa, Reg (Sherri) Morrison and children Brayden, Ashley and Rachel of Stayner, Jamie (Vanessa) Morrison and children Callie, Sadie and Winnie of Collingwood, Mandy Spooner of Rigaud, Quebec, Lindy Spooner (Joe Close) of Meaford, Jarod (Nicole) Spooner and daughter Rhett Atlee of Stayner, Jacquie Spooner (Buddy McBride) and son Kase McBride of Grande Prairie AB, Kaitlyn (Kyle) Scannapiego of Collingwood, Michael McGuire of Blue Mountains, Meredith (Chad) Teller and children Jaedyn, Benjamin and Jaxon of Sudbury, and Meghan (Garnet) Harper and children Avah, Elyanah, Yarah and Nyah of Sudbury.

Doreen was predeceased by her brother Harold Foster.

Funeral services officiated by Reverend Therese Samuel will be conducted at Grace United Church in Thornbury on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. where family will receive friends at a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Interment will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made directly or through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements are entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)





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### McDONALD, THELMA JANETTE

*Thelma McDonald passed away peacefully at the age of 86 at Grey Gables Long Term Care Centre in Markdale on Family Day, Monday, February 18, 2019, surrounded by her loving children who stayed by her side.*



Born in Toronto on August 21, 1932, Thelma was a daughter of the late William and Isabella (nee Greenfield) Paterson.

Thelma was predeceased by her cherished husband Alfred Green in 2009.

She was the loving mother of Susan McKinlay (Duncan) of Ravenna, William McDonald (Wendi) of Meaford, Peter McDonald (Leanne) of London, Diana Wood (Wayne) of Peterborough, Brenda Higgins (Stephen) of Port Credit, and Steven Green of Toronto.

She was the beloved 'Nana' of Jenny Cornell (Kevin), Mary Hindle (Jason), Robert McKinlay (Rachel), Caleb McDonald (Anna), Liam McDonald, Kerry Viney (Todd), Graydon McDonald, Meghan McDonald, Olivia McDonald, Sophia McDonald, Matthew Wood (Melanie), Nicholas Wood (Amelie), Sarah Miller (Jesse), and Graeme Higgins (Katrina).

She was the wonderful 'Nanny' to 18 great grandchildren. Thelma was predeceased by her brother William Paterson (Shirley) and will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Thelma meant so much to so many people, and left an impression on others for a variety of beautiful reasons. She was a 'Women's Libber' before anyone knew what it was. She will be remembered for her pitch perfect singing, her artwork, book clubs and her love of reading, 'Red Hats' and her club and event organizing skills.



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The one thing that Parkinson's disease couldn't take from her was her laugh and sense of humour, which she still had a week ago. Thelma's life has been truly remarkable, she accomplished so much and can rest in peace, content with a life well lived.

A private family graveside service will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Parkinson's Society or the Grey Gables Long Term Care (Residents Fund) where she was extremely happy and received excellent care, would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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### McMULLEN, WILLIAM DOUGLAS

*It is with heavy hearts that the family of Douglas McMullen announces his passing on Monday February 4, 2019 at the age of 86, at Grey Gables Nursing Home in Markdale with his loving wife Phyllis and granddaughter Christine by his side.*



Born in Kimberley on January 10, 1933, Doug was a son of the late Leslie and Justina (nee Ellis) McMullen. Doug will be forever remembered by his family and friends as the beloved husband of Phyllis (nee McRae). He was the loving and caring father of Paul and Brent, and was predeceased by his daughter Heather and his sister Shirley. Doug was the patient, understanding and knowledgeable 'Supergramps' and 'Grampy' of Aaron, Kailie, Christine, Edan, Brooke, and was predeceased by his grandson Anson. He was the unbelievable 'Great Grandfather' of Dylan, Maia, Lexi, Carter and Brett.

Doug was born, raised, married and set roots in Kimberley over 82 years. For Doug it was a great place to live, raise a family and become part of a tight community. Little did Doug know that while he was young and running the roads of Kimberley, he would eventually become employed by the County of Grey maintaining the roads and eventually becoming a Road Superintendent for 33 years. During his retirement he enjoyed working with the South East Grey Community Support Services in Flesherton. Doug was in his comfort zone when surrounded by family and friends, enjoying frequent Kimberley kitchen parties, camping outings, hunting the side hills or swamps of Kimberley, having a pour or just sitting on the back deck gazing at the beauty of Old Baldy. Doug will also be fondly remembered by the members of the Stuart Hunt Camp where he was an honorary member for over 50 years. Doug will be remembered always and cherished by those who were surrounded by his outgoing spirit, welcoming demeanor, laughter and smiles. Raise a glass and say cheers to Doug "SWAMP", King of the Road, for a life well lived! Doug's family will receive friends at the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel in Thornbury on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 5 until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at Grace United Church in Thornbury on Friday February 8, 2019 at 11 o'clock. A service of committal and interment will follow at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society or the Huntington Society would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### WATTS, CORRY PAUL

*It is with great sadness that Corry's family announces his sudden passing at his home in Thornbury, Ontario on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Corry was born in Haileybury, Ontario on August 7, 1963, a son of the late Vera (nee Leach) and Gordon Corry Watts.*



He is survived by four sisters: Jennifer Watts and Barbara Watts Katnich (Glen) of Kelowna, B.C., and Wendy Watts Scully (Ed) and Betty Watts Kramp (Ken) of Barrie, ON. Corry was predeceased by his brother Harold Watts and will be remembered fondly by his sister-in-law Carolyn Davis Watts of Latchford, ON. Corry will be missed by his loving nieces and nephews, Shannon Scully-Pratt (Jeff), Shaun Scully (Deb), Cathy Bolan (Peter), Mike Bolan, Gordon Bolan (Jenny), Bryan Bolan,

Karen Watts, Derek Carney (Corine), and Simon Unger (Leigh), and his many great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Corry attended Cobalt Elementary School and Orillia High School, and then went on to study hair design in Toronto. As a successful Master Stylist he had quite a following. His keen interest in photography led him to Ryerson College where he studied to fulfill his passion in this field. Corry will also be remembered for his wonderful sense of humour, wit and exquisite taste by his many friends and clients.

A private Celebration of Corry's Life will be held by his family. Messages of condolence and shared memories are welcomed by his family at [Corry.Watts@gmail.com](mailto:Corry.Watts@gmail.com). As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Grey Bruce Animal Shelter or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **WELLER, BERNICE MAY 'BETTY'**

*Betty Weller (nee Jordan) of Duncan, ON entered into rest peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at the age of 94.*



Born in Toronto on April 14, 1924, a daughter of the late Charlie and Lizzie (nee Maxwell) Jordan, she was raised in the little community of Orville.

She will be dearly missed by her beloved husband of 72 years, Kenneth Weller and by her daughters Nancy Smith and husband Keith of Brighton and Brenda Smith and husband Harvey of Duncan.

Betty will be the sadly missed Grannie of Garry Shaw (Sandra) of Cambridge, Tracy Barfoot (Clint) of Meaford, Tricia Smith (Mark Handrahan) of Moncton NB, Graham Smith (Leila) of Toronto, Jamie Smith (Yu-jung) of Peterborough, and Benjamin Smith (Sarah) of Vancouver. She brought joy and laughter to her great-grandchildren: Duncan, Eli, Charlie, Rayna, Chloe, Tristan, Mark, Lucius, Gillian and Patrick.

She will be missed also by her brother Alan Jordan (Shirley) of Orville, ON and was predeceased by a brother Bill Jordan and sisters Dorothy Forbes and Ruth Bradley and will be remembered by brothers-in-laws Bill Forbes and Jack Bradley.

A funeral service officiated by Rev. Peggy Kipfer celebrating Betty's 94 years of sharing life's enjoyment in the Beaver Valley will be conducted at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Friends will be received at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, in Thornbury on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 3 p.m.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to Beaver Valley Legion Branch 281 Poppy Fund or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



### **SHERIDAN, MINNIE**

*Born in Duncan on July 21, 1915, longtime Beaver Valley resident Minnie Sheridan, daughter of the late Mary Ida Proctor, passed away quietly in Meaford on Wednesday January 16, 2019 at the age of 103. Minnie was predeceased by her beloved husband Hartley Sheridan in 1981.*



She will be fondly remembered as a loving Mom by daughters Rose and her husband Jim Kube of Sauble Beach and Fay and her husband Dale Grant of Stirling and was predeceased by her son John and daughter Susan.

She will be the sorely missed Gramma and Great Gramma of Jacqueline and her husband Jon Dietz of Wellesley and children Joshua, Dylan and his wife Alexa, Joey and Cole, and Robert Kube at home; and by Mark Grant and his wife Tyia of Stirling and was predeceased by granddaughters Kimberley Kube and Sandra Grant and grandson Calvin Grant and is remembered also by his children Calvin James and Faith Gloria.

Minnie was a dear aunt of Carol and her husband Dave Hewgill of Bracebridge and will be recalled with affection by their children and will be recalled as a dear friend and neighbour by Shelly and Dan Harrison, Karen and Terry McKague, Scott Taylor, Irene Webster and Marge Dorey who were so helpful to her ensuring she was able to remain in her beloved home for so many years as she wished.

Friends will be received at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel** in Thornbury on Sunday from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Funeral and committal services will be conducted at Grace United Church in Thornbury on Monday January 21, 2019 at 1:30 with visiting the hour prior to service. Family will receive friends in the fellowship hall for a reception following the service. Interment will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



### **McDOUGALL, MARGARET**

*On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after 95 trips around the sun, Margaret left us to join her beloved Peter (Ronald) and Bill (McDougall) and very dear granddaughter Kasmira.*

We can be sure Margaret will be giving heavenly piano recitals and continuing teaching, her passion.



Margaret will be very much missed by her family, friends and former piano students, many of whom she stayed in touch with years later.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please sing or hum a tune and think of her – classical would be preferred!

The funeral will be held at a later date with interment to follow.

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### **HANSEN, DOROTHY ELIZABETH “Betty”**

*Betty died peacefully on January 9, 2019 in her 89<sup>th</sup> year in Collingwood, Ontario.*

She was predeceased by her parents Alfred Rex and Dorothy (nee Torraville) Rendell, brother George, husband Knud (of Holstebro, Denmark) and infant daughter, Gayle.



Elizabeth will be greatly missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Alex Maxwell of Thornbury, her granddaughter (and light of her life), McKenzie Maxwell (Tony) of Combermere and by her small circle of family and friends. We know she's in a better place - a place where they don't put gravy on their fish, where everyone irons their Christmas wrapping paper and where nobody calls her Dorothy.

Elizabeth was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, but spent her adult life in Toronto, then Oakville and most recently Collingwood. She worked for over 40 years in banking and payroll and was a Girl Guide leader for many years. She was a British history and royalty trivia whiz, a figure skating fan and she loved wrapping and giving beautiful gifts, especially at Christmas. She loved visiting her favourite stores in Collingwood over the last few years. Special thanks to the staff of Becker Shoes, Clerkson's, Home Interiors, Northern Reflections, Espresso Post and Ashanti Coffee for their thoughts and kind words to us during her recent illnesses.

Our eternal gratitude goes to Dr. Peter Wells (and his staff and interns) and to the staff of Bay Haven Retirement Community and Collingwood Nursing Home for their patience and care over the years and final days. Also, thanks to Johanna Hayward at Ferguson Funeral Home in Thornbury for her recent kindness and help. Finally, thanks and hugs to family and friends for food and flowers and kind words, whether by phone, email or text. *ALL* appreciated.

At Elizabeth's request, her life will be remembered privately. If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle "Campbell House", Collingwood would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca) or for information regarding Campbell House or to donate directly, please visit [www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com](http://www.hospicegeorgiantriangle.com)





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### **CAMPLIN, RUTH**

*Ruth Camplin passed away peacefully at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre with her daughter by her side on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the age of 83.*



Born on July 14, 1935, Ruth was the daughter of the late Reverend Robert and Bertha (nee Short) Gordon.

Ruth was the cherished wife of Ross Camplin of Thornbury.

She was the loving and caring mother of Wayne Camplin and his wife Colleen of B.C., Michael Camplin and his wife Jennifer of Niagara, and Melinda Camplin of Thornbury.

Ruth was the wonderful grandmother of Darren Camplin (Consuel), Rose-Lynn Plake (Charlie), Sara Camplin, Rebecca Camplin, Meghan Camplin, and great grandmother of London Plake, Presley Plake, Oliver Camplin, Nehemiah Plake, and was predeceased by her great grandson Uriah Plake.

She will be remembered fondly by her brothers Robert 'Bob' Gordon (Marlene) and Boyd Gordon (Sandra), and her sister-in-law Margie. 'Auntie Ruth' will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Family will receive friends at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, 20 Alice Street East, Thornbury on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 5 until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at the Blue Mountain Community Church, Bruce Street, Thornbury on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 11 o'clock. A sincere thank you is extended by Ruth's family to Dr. Wong and the staff at Meaford Long Term Care for their excellent and compassionate care. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Samaritan's Purse Children's Ministries, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **TAFERNER, EDITH**

*Edith Taferner of Thornbury passed away peacefully at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at the age of 91. She was the beloved wife of Hans Taferner of Thornbury, and loving mother of Dave Morrow of Thornbury and Ann Langdale of Mississauga.*



Edith was the devoted grandmother of Jessica and Ryan Butler, and Luke and Josh Morrow. She will be fondly remembered by her daughter-in-law Nelly Morrow, son-in-law Don Langdale, and by Jenna and Graham, Robert and John Taferner, Erika, Torey and Nikki Taferner and Jamie, Seth and Sam Taferner, Angela and Jennifer West and other family members throughout Ontario. Edith's cousin Connie Hill from England was a very important part of her life.

In 2016 Edith and Hans moved from Aurora to Thornbury. In 2018 they moved into Errinrung retirement home and were referred to as the cutest couple holding hands every moment they could.

A private service will be conducted at the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, in Thornbury.

As your expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Chapman House Hospice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom funeral arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **GASTON, HELEN**

*Peacefully at her nursing home, Helen Charlotte Gaston (nee Stephens) passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the age of 100. She will be sorely missed by her son Jim and her daughter-in-law Vessela, grandchildren Kevin and Stephanie (Jamie) and great grandchildren Isabella, Nicholas and Sophia.*

Helen earned an MA in early childhood education from Columbia University, was a teacher for many years and also had the responsibility of overseeing all primary teachers in Etobicoke. She has both directly and indirectly improved the development of thousands of children.

She had a rich and full life and lived up to the saying that for those to whom much is given much is expected. Rest in Peace.

Later after the holiday season there will be a Celebration of Life for Helen in Toronto and friends and family will be notified.

As your expression of sympathy, memorial donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0.  
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### **DYKSTRA, TJALTJE (nee HILVERDA)**

***April 13, 1931 – December 1, 2018***

*Surrounded by loved ones and in the comfort of a family home, our mother Tjaltje passed away peacefully on December 1, 2018.*



Tjaltje was born in Kollumerzwaag, Netherlands on April 13, 1931. Her family immigrated to Canada in 1952 and she married Sake Dykstra in 1954. Tjaltje was predeceased by Sake in 2015 and their son Stuart in 1974. We, her children and their spouses, will miss her very much - Linda and Rob Van Boom, Sid and Jane Dykstra, Nancy Dykstra, Ingrid and Ron Kielstra, Roger and Karen Dykstra, Marcia and Chris Dawes.

The nurturing of her family and others was one of Tjaltje's great gifts. She was a natural with children and delighted in watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren flourish as the family has grown over the years.

They are a cherished part of her legacy:

Gena and Dave Braun, Hannah and Maia  
Karen and Russ Watts, Hailey, Julia and Brianne  
Daryl and Suzie Van Boom, Conrad  
Lena and Wayne Scholman, Maria and Peter  
Kurtis and Brianna Dykstra, Macy, Alvina, Leah and Olivia  
Alastair and Shona Dykstra, Jacob, Joshua, Benjamin and Timothy  
Stuart and Jess Dykstra, Owen and Avery  
Ron Kielstra and Ashley Jones  
Sake and Martine Kielstra, Cameron, Émilie, and Evan  
Todd Kielstra  
Sandy and Rachel Kielstra  
Tom Kielstra  
Ben Kielstra and Danielle Allard  
Michael Dykstra, Erick Dykstra, and Chelsey Dykstra  
Nate Dawes, Simon Dawes and Charlotte Dawes



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We are grateful to Dr Sauriol and Dr Newton, the kind staff of Meaford General Hospital and of Errinrung Retirement Home for their care and support over the years. Mom especially enjoyed the Day Away program.

Tjaltje's children will receive family and friends at **The Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel** in Thornbury on Tuesday, December 4th from 5 until 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 1p.m. at the **Collingwood Christian Reformed Church** on Poplar Sideroad with a reception to follow.

Donations in Mom's memory to World Renew or the Meaford Day Away program of Home and Community Support Services Grey-Bruce may be made directly or through the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, PO Box 556, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted (519-599-2718). [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **KNOTT, LEONA CORA**

*Born in Thornbury on October 26, 1928, a daughter of the late Frederick George Taylor and Hyacinth Kell (nee Loughheed), Leona passed away in the presence of loving family at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on Saturday November 24, 2018 at the age of 90.*



Leona was longtime resident of the Beaver Valley community and was well known for her unique character and gifts which she shared so willingly with anyone in need. She was a true volunteer who gave selflessly of herself and her many talents. Leona was a devoted and respected member of Grace United Church serving not only in the choir but also as the 'go-to' person for many of the church's causes providing leadership, especially 'in the kitchen', where she excelled at the organization of dinners and receptions for fundraising, celebrations and funerals.

She had the wonderful ability to forge relationships across all generations, sharing her knowledge and friendship with young and old alike. From a very young age she loved and cared for many babies starting with her siblings, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also nurtured and cared for the children of extended family and friends. She was a loyal friend and considered those with whom she interacted so graciously as her 'extended family' and all were welcomed warmly as such.

Leona married Wm. C. 'Bill' Knott in 1967 and the couple enjoyed nearly 43 years together until Bill's death in April of 2010. Leona soldiered on with great strength emanating from that loving relationship.

She is remembered as the devoted mother of Sandra Little of Owen Sound, Larry Martin (Cheryl) of Owen Sound, Clare Martin (Nancy) of Wyoming, USA, Chris Knott (Carrie) of Clarksburg, and Sonya Franks (Mark) of Priceville. She was also a dedicated stepmother to Rod Knott (Marjorie) of Clarksburg and Bonnie Holden (Bob) of Thornbury.

She will be the sadly missed Grandma and Great-Grandma of Jeff Platt (Cheryl) their daughter Taylor, Todd Platt (Carla) their children Kylie and Zoe, Jennifer Hutchinson (Matt) their son Luke, Kyle Little his children Shaylynn,



Jackson and Paisley, Brent Martin (Ronna), Lisa Goreski her children Brady and Nicholas, Steve Martin (Jennifer) their children Brooke and Blake, Alicia Martin, Brandon Knott, Trevor Knott, Tanner Franks, Natalie Franks, Cheri Knott, Michelle Osborne (Chris) their children Claire and Lauryn, Brad Holden (Nandi) their children Maelle and Zoe, and Sara O'Reilly (Mike) their children Meghan, Meredith and Emma.

Leona is survived by sisters Leah Taylor of Carlisle, Faith Bartley of Newmarket, Ruth Campbell of Meaford, Grace Williams of Chesley and a brother, David Kell of Flesherton. She was predeceased by a sister, Lorena McIntyre.

Family will receive friends at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, in Thornbury on Sunday December 2 from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial funeral service celebrating Leona's life will be conducted at Grace United Church in Thornbury on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

A family service of committal and interment will be held at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery where her urn will be interred beside her beloved husband Bill.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to Grace United Church, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation or Georgian Triangle Hospice (Campbell House) would be appreciated.  
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### **SALOMON, JAMES MARTIN 'JIM'**

*Jim Salomon of RR 1, Clarksburg passed away at the age of 56 on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Victoria Hospital in London following a motor vehicle accident on Highway 26 between Meaford and Thornbury earlier in the week.*



Born on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1962, Jim was a son of the late Henry and Norene (nee Showell) Salomon. He was the cherished brother of Vicki Salomon of Collingwood and Charlie Salomon (Julie) of Burlington.

He was predeceased by his brother Peter Salomon, and will be remembered fondly by his nephew Bart Salomon (Tanya) of Nova Scotia and their children Michaela and Henry, his niece Holly Salomon (Ken Schram) of Meaford and their daughter Alena, and will be fondly remembered also by his cousins and their families.

Cremation has taken place and all are welcome to attend a funeral service at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 146037 Grey Rd. 12, Meaford, ON N4L 1W6 on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Jim's brothers and sisters from the Meaford congregation were very important to him and have been a great support to Jim's family during this challenging time. A service of committal and interment will take place in the family plot at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **HAMILTON, NORMA MARGARET**

*It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of the rock of our family, Norma, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the age of 91.*



Born on February 12, 1927, she was a daughter of the late Melville and Margaret (nee Gibson) Howard.

Norma was predeceased by her husband Dick Hamilton.

She leaves behind her daughter Lee Goodall (Leigh), was predeceased by her son Bruce, and will be remembered fondly by her daughter-in-law Heather Hamilton. She was the cherished grandmother of Lauren Rutledge (Jared), Blake Goodall (Jenn), and Jeff, Andrew, and Emily Hamilton. Norma was the great grandmother of Reese and Rowan Rutledge. She will also be remembered fondly by her sister-in-law Nancy Hamilton.

There will be no visitation or service at this time. She loved the time spent with family and friends in Honey Harbour; so we have chosen to celebrate and honour her life next summer at the place she enjoyed so much. Norma's example of strength and grace will live on in us all.

As your expression of sympathy donations to the Sick Kids Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

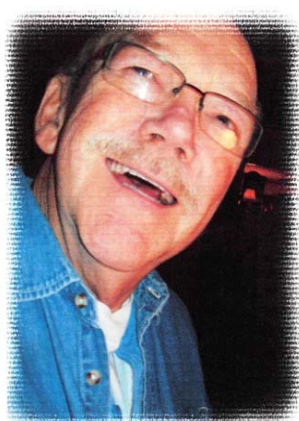


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## *Ferguson Funeral Home (The Valley Chapel) Ltd.*

### **PRENTICE, CLIVE**

*Born in Euphrasia Township on June 18, 1943, a son of the late Everett and Eva (nee Baker) Prentice, Elgin Clive Prentice of Clarksburg passed away at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Sunday October 21, 2018 at the age of 75.*



Clive is remembered as a loving husband and best friend of Brenda (nee Carefoot).

He will be recalled as the father and grandfather by Chris and Sarah and their son Matthew, and by Tanya Prentice and her son Wyatt.

Clive was a dear brother to Bill (DeDe) of North Carolina, Jewell (late Jim Hogg) of Collingwood and brother-in-law to Maggie (late Blake Prentice). He was predeceased by his brother Blake, sister Eleanore and broth-in-law Steve Coleman and will be remembered also as the special uncle of his several nieces and nephews and their families.

Clive was a dear son-in-law to Marie Clock of Meaford and will be missed by her family.

Cremation has taken place and friends will be received at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, in Thornbury on Thursday from 5 until 8 o'clock.

A memorial service celebrating Clive's life will be conducted at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Clive's ashes will be interred at the columbarium at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery at a later date.

If so desired and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Farley Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society 'Heroes for Hope' or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



### **MARRIOTT, JUNE ROSE**

*Born June 23, 1935 in Lancashire, England the beloved wife of Eric Leonard Marriott for over 65 years, Rose passed away peacefully with her husband and her children by her side on October 20, 2018.*



Rose will be remembered as a wonderful Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

She is survived by her husband Eric, children and partners: Shirley (Larry), June, Elaine (Bob), Roy (Madeline), Bruce (Candice) and dear daughter-in-law Sandy.

She will be fondly remembered by her 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Private family funeral arrangements following cremation.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Kidney Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **JACKSON, LYNDIA JEAN**

*Lyndia Jackson of Clarksburg passed away peacefully at Grey Bruce Health Services in Meaford with her family by her side on Friday October 12, 2018 in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year.*



Born on May 21, 1947 in Listowel, Lyndia was a daughter of the late Harvey and Jean (nee McAllister) Sangster.

She was the beloved wife of Gerald Jackson of Clarksburg.

Lyndia was the cherished mother of Sandra Antonette and her husband Bruce of Tara, Michael Jackson and his partner Alison Kirkland of Peterborough, and Randy Jackson and his wife Nicole Bruce of Ayr.

She was the wonderful grandma of Alison, Mackenzie, Zakary, Nicole, Eryn, and Logan.

Lyndia is survived by her brother Charlie Sangster (Gwen), her sister Brenda Braiser (late Terry), and was predeceased by her sister Betty VanderLinden (late Bill Nixon and late Dale VanderLinden), and her brother Richard Sangster. She will be remembered fondly by her sisters-in-law Sheila Neely (late Bart Mothersell and late Jake Neely) and Shirley Lemon (late Murray), her brother-in-law Bev Jackson (Karen), and by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

In keeping with Lyndia's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be conducted at the funeral home.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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### **JAMES, MARYLOU ANNE**

*Born July 17, 1941, Marylou (nee Lane), formerly of Hamilton and latterly of Thornbury, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Meaford Hospital on Saturday September 29, 2018 at the age of 77.*



Marylou was predeceased by her husband Bob James in 1965 and is lovingly remembered by her sons David of Thornbury and Dan of Hamilton. She was a dear sister to Bev and Sharon.

Interment and committal will be conducted at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Hamilton on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated and may be made through the

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### REVESZ-LENDERS, SHERRY

July 14, 1961 - September 24, 2018

*It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Sherry after a long battle with cancer. Sherry passed peacefully, without pain, surrounded by the love of her family.*



Her children Madison, Aaron, Jason and Melissa along with her loving husband Florian and her friend and sister Robin were at her side in the home she loved. Her Mother and Father Rose and Peter will join her in spirit once again.

Sherry struggled over the past 13 years with breast cancer but never let it dampen her spirits or slow down her zest for life. She was a role model for many and an example of kindness, compassion and strength. She was a fiercely independent force of nature that touched everyone she met in a positive way.

We are the ones left behind but we will not forget that smile, that laugh and the enthusiasm for life that made our lives so special. We will never forget your influence, your stories and your love. Rest in peace sister, friend, mother, grandmother and wife. You left this world way too young at 57, but you will live in our heart forever.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

If so desired in lieu of flowers, and as your expression of sympathy, donations to The Canadian Cancer Society in Sherry's name would be appreciated.

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### LOUGHEED, FRANK GRENVILLE

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*Frank Lougheed of Thornbury, Ontario passed away after a very brief illness on Friday September 7, 2018 at the age of 93. Born in Thornbury, he was the son of the late John and Charlotte (nee Dobson) Lougheed.*



Frank is survived by his loving high school sweetheart then wife of 69 years Helen (nee Connor). He was predeceased by his older sisters Margaret (Ulch), and Ethel, older brother Clinton, and younger brothers Everett, and George.

Apart from Helen, Frank will be missed by his son Peter, and his wife Ann (nee Donahoe) and daughter Carol. Frank was a much loved Grandpa to Peter and Ann's daughter Lindsay, and son Peter Jr. who miss him very much.

Frank will also be missed by his sisters-in-law Rose Lougheed (nee Connor) and Leslie Lougheed (nee Burness), as well as by beloved nieces and nephews.

Frank was completely dedicated to his wife, his family, his work, and his beloved town of Thornbury. He married his high school sweetheart and they were separated only for a few years prior to marrying while he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He didn't see action overseas but was fully prepared to do his part attaining the rank of Sergeant as air crew (gunner).

That he loved his hometown was evident by his service to it. Frank joined the town's Parks Board in the 1950's as well as the volunteer fire department. In the latter, he served over 30 years having become deputy chief and winning a distinguished service medal. In 1973 Frank was elected to town council on which he served as a Councillor, Deputy Reeve, then Reeve until he retired from council in 1997. This included 9 years on Grey County Council.

Frank was also very dedicated to his job as a custodian at the high school turned elementary school in Thornbury. In 34 years with the then Grey County Board of Education he took one sick day.

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Frank was a very humble person. He always shunned any sort of lime light or celebration of his achievements or service. In keeping with his character, Frank did not want any formal funeral services of any kind. Instead there will be a simple family celebration of his life at a later date. He will be interred at the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

The family will be eternally grateful to the staff at the Meaford General Hospital, and the Meaford Long Term Care Home. Between these two, Frank spent the final three weeks of his life under their professional and loving care.

If so desired, and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, The Valley Chapel, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

The greatest love of his life was his wife Helen. In one of their final moments together they kissed and Frank told her he loved her, thanked her for being with him, and told her that she was the best thing that ever happened to him. His father reportedly used to say "if you do something, do it well". You did it well Frank, rest in peace now. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)





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## *Ferguson Funeral Home (The Valley Chapel) Ltd.*

### **LUMSDEN, MARTHA 'MARTY' CHRISTINE**

*After a short but brave battle with cancer, Marty passed away peacefully at her home in Thornbury on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the age of 75. She was surrounded by her family and her loving dog 'Enzo'.*



She is survived by her son Jeff Douglas, her son Greg Douglas and his wife Trish, and by her four loving grandchildren Tyler, William, Ben, and Thomas. She will be remembered fondly by her brother Neil Lumsden and his wife Donna.

Marty was born in Toronto, Ontario on July 8, 1943, the daughter of the late Hugh Everett Lumsden and Gertrude (nee Wolf) Lumsden. She had a long and successful career with the Royal Bank of Canada. Her passion to be on the water led her to spend many years sailing Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay with her 2 sons who shared her passion. Marty cherished her memories in Thornbury, including her many getaways with her group of best girlfriends 'The Oldie Moldies'. Marty generously supported many important causes over the years and volunteered countless hours to the Toronto Distress Centre, the Gardiner Museum, the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts, and the Thornbury L.E. Shore Memorial Library.

Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate Marty's life at her home, 134 Bay St. E., Thornbury, on Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 1 until 4 o'clock. If Marty has touched your life and you would like to share your sentiments, please send a message to [jeffdouglas66@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffdouglas66@hotmail.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **DINSMORE, HAROLD ELMER**

*Harold Dinsmore of Thornbury passed away peacefully at Summit Place Nursing Home in Owen Sound on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the age of 91.*



Born in St. Vincent Township on March 25, 1927, Harold was a son of the late Wesley and Mabel (nee Hewgill) Dinsmore.

Harold was the beloved husband of 61 years of Helen (nee Ramer) Dinsmore.

He was the loving father of Sharon Frost (Bob) of Owen Sound, Dave Dinsmore of Sault Ste. Marie, Dianne Hamill (Barry) of Owen Sound, Gwen Boux (Marck) of Calgary, AB, Roger Dinsmore (Lora) of Thornbury, and Joanne Horn (Jason) of Duncan, BC.

Harold was the cherished grandpa of Ben, Tina, Dianna, Dan, Dana, Darren, John, Brandon, Nick, Josh, Steven, Jordan, Michael, Cassidy, James, Tim, Devon, Brittany, Logan, and will be cherished as well by their spouses and his many great grandchildren.

He was the dear brother of Beth Taylor (late Lloyd) of Fredericton, NB and was predeceased by his brother Stan Dinsmore (late Joy), and by his sister Maye Cooke (late Gerald). Harold will be remembered fondly by his many nieces, nephews and their families.

Family will receive friends at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel** in Thornbury on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 5 until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. with visiting the hour prior to service. A service of committal and interment will follow at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Gideon Bibles, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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### MARGARET ANNE MAVROU (née YIRKA)

*Born in Kitchener, Ontario January 12, 1940, Margaret Anne Mavrou, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2018 at Meaford General Hospital after a brave battle with cancer.*



Maggie was a true warrior. Predeceased by her parents Alf and Mabel Yirka, she departs this world having made it a better place. Beloved wife of George Mavrou, treasured sister to Barbara (John) and brother John. Maggie was loved by her daughters Sarah and Jen, their husbands Michael and Matt and grandchildren Cash, Ruby, Olive, Max and Jack.

A straight talking lover of life, Margaret embraced her job as a consultant and teacher, dedicating 35 years working for the T.C.D.S.B. She was committed to volunteering at the B.V.O. and considered the following amongst her greatest loves in life: her husband and daughters, her Cougar Convertible and the slot machines. With a voice you'd recognize anywhere, Maggie loved a good party, and often her booming laugh and friendly presence filled the room. Margaret always welcomed a game of cards or scrabble and was in fact a bit of a card shark, regularly playing bridge with valued friends.

Maggie was a creative soul, dabbling in many artistic interests- a lover of music, Margaret played the piano and the guitar in her earlier years and matured as a talented painter and phenomenal chef. In her spare time Maggie liked to knit, and was an avid reader with a great appetite for life!

After Maggie's passing, we found this beautiful quote in her belongings;

*Please don't cry because I died!  
Smile because I lived!  
Know that I'm in a happy place!  
Know that we will meet again!  
I'll see you there!*

Perfectly put Maggie. You will be forever remembered and live always in our hearts!

**SOAR FREE!**

A Celebration of 'Maggie's Life' will be shared at the **Toronto Botanical Garden, Garden Hall**, 771 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto M3C 1P2 on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **McQUARRIE, JESSIE MARY**

*Jessie McQuarrie of Collingwood, and formerly of Thornbury and Meaford, passed away suddenly at Cedar Rail Campground in Chesley on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the age of 76.*



Born on September 5, 1941, in Poplar Grove, Saskatchewan, Jessie was a daughter of the late Edwin and Joanna (nee Mac Fayden) Heal.

Jessie was the cherished wife of Bob Howell of Collingwood. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Ben McQuarrie in 2006.

Jessie was the much loved mother of Lorie Lynn Green (Rob) of Wasaga Beach, Jim McQuarrie (Sue) of Meaford, and Richard McQuarrie (Darlene) of Meaford.

She was the wonderful grandma of Victoria, Joey, Aaron, Chris, Jeremy, Amanda, Shasta, Jodi, Jessica, Chadwick, and great grandma to twelve.

Jessie was the dear sister of Joan Hutton (Terry), Ken Heal (MaryAnne), Doug Heal (Cathy), and Dale Heal. She was predeceased by her grandson Justin, her daughter-in-law Debbie and her brother-in-law John. Jessie will be remembered fondly by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

A graveside service will be conducted at Lakeview Cemetery in Meaford on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 12 noon. A Celebration of Jessie's life will follow from 1 until 4 p.m., at Riverside Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Line, in Meaford.

As your expression of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)





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## *Ferguson Funeral Home (The Valley Chapel) Ltd.*

### **DALES, ALAN HARTMAN**

*Born in Euphrasia Township on November 29, 1923, a son of the late Wilmer and Mabel (nee Hartman) Dales, Alan passed away peacefully at Errinrunga Nursing Home in Thornbury on Saturday July 14, 2018 at the age of 94.*



Alan is survived by his beloved wife, the former Helen McDonald of Thornbury, whom he married on February 3, 1961 and with whom he shared many happy years travelling together in their retirement.

He is survived also by his son Dennis Dales and wife Gwen of Utopia, and by daughters Linda Dennison and her husband Tom of St. Catharines, Brenda Kirkpatrick and her husband Jim of Brampton and Sandra Monahan and her husband Brad of Shallow Lake and he was predeceased by a step-son, Gerald Binkley. Alan was a grandfather to Alec, Michael, Brandon and Bradey.

He is also survived by a sister, Kay Pember (late Frank) of Toronto and was predeceased by siblings Helen Bauldry (late Bob), and Marjorie Dales.

Alan was a brother-in-law to Alex and June McDonald of Thornbury, Dave 'Mac' and Joan McDonald of Owen Sound and was predeceased by sisters-in-law Yvonne (late Jim) Wilson of Sunnidale Corners, and Irene (late Lloyd) Knox of Duncan and brother-in-law Murray (late Armol) McDonald of Owen Sound.

He will be recalled by his several nieces and nephews and by their families.

Cremation has taken place and a family graveside service of committal and interment of Alan's ashes will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery at a later date.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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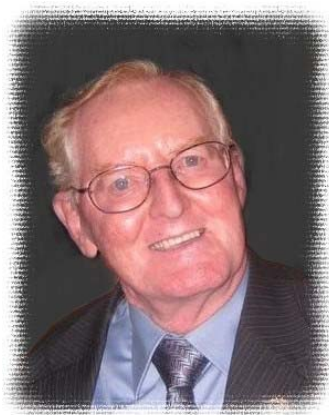


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### **IRVINE, DANIEL JOSEPH 'DANNY'**

*Danny passed away peacefully at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre on July 3rd, 2018, in his 73rd year. He was born in Ballymollock in Northern Ireland, son of the late Daniel and Katie (nee Coll) Irvine, and emigrated to Canada in 1967.*



Danny is survived by his devoted partner of 16 years, Fran Sutherland, who was by his side throughout his courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He is cherished as the beloved "Pops" and devoted father of Carolyn and Bryan (Julie Mielhausen) and will be recalled fondly by their mother Susan Irvine, who was so supportive during these last months. He will be sorely missed by his two grandchildren, Lochlann and Lauren, who were the light of his life.

He was a much-loved brother to Eileen, the late Denis (Annie), Teresa (Igna), Patsy, Bobby, Kate and Margaret Kenning (Leo), and beloved uncle to his fifteen nieces and nephews. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Joan White and her husband Neil and by his brother-in-law Allan Stevens and his wife Heather, as well as by Fran's children and extended family.

Through Irvine Construction, Danny will be forever remembered as an award-winning Master Builder. Danny took great pride in becoming the first Honorary Member of the Builders and Trades Association of Thornbury after his retirement. Well known for his charitable work through his membership in the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, he was the proud (and deserving) recipient of two Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. Danny truly lived the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self. We will all miss Danny's wonderful personality -- his quick wit, beautiful singing voice, amazing sense of humour, compassion, generosity and his genuine interest in people. He was one of a kind.

Danny's family will receive friends at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury on Monday, July 9th from 4 until 7 p.m. A Celebration of Danny's Life will take place on Saturday, July 14th, with tributes at 1 p.m. and a reception to follow until 5 p.m., also at the Community Centre. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club (Polio Fund) or Parkinson Canada would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### TAYLOR, STUART WILLIAM

*Stuart (Stu) Taylor, formerly of Belleville, ON, passed away peacefully in the presence of his wife and daughter at Errinrung Long Term Care Residence in Thornbury, ON, on Thursday, July 5th, 2018, at the age of 88.*



He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Kathleen (nee Donnelly) Taylor, his devoted daughter, Sherry Taylor-Fox, his son-in-law, Doug Fox, his grandsons, Taylor and Liam Fox, and his Cocker Spaniel, Chelsea. Stuart was predeceased by his parents, John and May (nee Hamilton) Taylor, and by his brother Donald Taylor. He will be greatly missed by his extended family of nieces and nephews.

Born in Vancouver, BC, Stuart joined the Royal Canadian Air Force upon graduation from high school and served for 37 years in the logistics and finance field. His postings included Dayton, OH, where he oversaw the financial accounting for the Orenda engine, a crucial component of the famed Avro Arrow. He also was posted to Sioux Lookout, ON, where, with his family, he could indulge in his love of the outdoors, including camping, boating, skiing, and running. His final posting was in Belleville, ON, where he remained following his retirement until 2016, when he and Kay moved to the Collingwood area to be closer to Sherry and Doug. Stuart enjoyed being busy. An active member of the Belleville community, he was affiliated with several Masonic Lodges where he was involved with innumerable charitable and benevolent efforts. His love for dogs was reflected in his long-time hobby of breeding and showing American Cocker Spaniels. Many homes were enriched with beautiful Spaniel puppies that Stuart had nurtured and raised. Stuart enjoyed woodworking, creating countless cherished family heirlooms in his basement workshop. It was here that his meticulous attention to detail was most evident. Stuart was respected and admired by many for his remarkable work ethic, kindness, sense of humour, and compassion. He was always willing to lend a hand or help anyone in need, and expected nothing in return.

The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Errinrung Long Term Care Residence, Creedan Valley Long Term Care Community in Creemore, and Waterside Retirement Lodge in Wasaga Beach for their part in bringing care and compassion to Stuart's world. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Thornbury, ON. As your expression of sympathy donations to the Sick Children's Hospital would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



### **WIMMER, FRANZ 'FRANK'**

*Born in Austria on February 11, 1921, a son of the late Franz and Anna (nee Birkmair) Wimmer, Frank passed away peacefully at Errinrune Residence in Thornbury on Wednesday June 27, 2018 at the age of 97.*

Frank is survived by his devoted wife Katharina 'Kitty' Wimmer whom he married on August 6, 1946 and with whom he shared his life and love for some 72 years.

Frank is remembered as a much loved father by his son Steven Wimmer and wife Elizabeth of North York and Opa to their children Zoe of Calgary and Katie of Halifax, and by his daughter Suzy Hutchison of Barrie and her children Alyssa of Eugenia and Brandon and Cassandra of Chatsworth.

Cremation has taken place and a private family disposition of Frank's ashes will take place at a later date.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom funeral arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **TURNER, LORNE RAYMOND**

*Lorne Turner of Meaford and formerly of Thornbury, passed away at the Meaford hospital and in the presence of his loving family on Friday June 15, 2018 at the age of 81.*



He is survived by his beloved wife and partner of 59 years, Marie (nee Lougheed) and will be remembered as the much loved and devoted father and Dad of Valerie of Hanover and Terry and his wife Norma Jean of Meaford.

Lorne was predeceased by his daughter-in-law Debbie and granddaughter Amanda Turner and will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Brenden of Owen Sound, Laura (Dan) of Port Elgin and Neil of Barrie.

He will be recalled as a dear brother-in-law by Ruth (late Richard) McColl of Perth-Andover, N.B, and Ray (Donna) Lougheed of Thornbury and as a special uncle to Richard (Karen) of Hillsburgh, and Rhonda (Clayton) of Clearview, N.B. and was predeceased by a nephew Roger McColl of Jasper, AB.

Lorne will be remembered for his many years of service in road building and construction as a bulldozer operator where he and Marie travelled and lived from Hearst to Cornwall before finally settling in Thornbury in 1971 where they raised their family and where Lorne became a supervisor of outdoor services at Talisman Resort in Kimberley until his retirement. Never to be idle, Lorne soon gained work as a backhoe operator capably serving several different contractors and construction companies in the area.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service, committal and interment of Lorne's cremated remains will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow at the home of Terry and Norma Jean.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy donations to the Lymphoma Society of Canada, Meaford Hospital Foundation or charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, P.O. Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0.  
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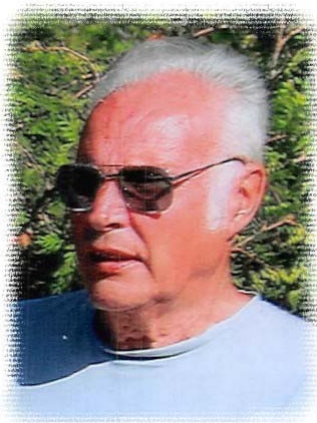


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### **TOWNSEND, ALBERT ARTHUR**

*Albert Townsend, beloved husband of Hazel (nee Plummer) Rear-Townsend (late Myles Rear) of Thornbury, passed away at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on Saturday June 9, 2018 at the age of 80.*



Albert will be remembered as the caring step-father of Duane Rear (Jennifer) and he was predeceased by a step-son Danniell Rear in 2010 and is remembered also by his partner Cathi.

He was a loved father of Tony Townsend (Colleen), Michael Townsend (Sheleigh), Steven Townsend and Krista Stroud-Townsend (Cliff).

He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren and great grandchildren and by his foster brother Peter Millard and his wife Kay.

Albert was a dear brother-in-law to Louise (late Bill) Gambell, Robert Plummer (Dorothy) and Paulette (late Dan) Henderson and will be recalled fondly by his several nieces and nephews and their families.

Cremation has taken place and family will receive friends at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, 20 Alice Street East in Thornbury on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 until 7 o'clock.

A private family disposition of Albert's ashes will take place at a later date.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Hospice Georgian Triangle (Campbell House) would be appreciated. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



### **SADLER, MARION IRENE**

*Born in Lion's Head on June 5, 1940, a daughter of the late Walter John and Minnie Loretta (nee Bestward) North, Marion passed away at the Meaford Hospital on Wednesday June 6, 2018 at the age of 78.*

Marion was the beloved wife of Albert 'Bert' Sadler of Clarksburg and mother of Mike Rowbotham of Meaford and the late Linda Irene Rowbotham-Bryan of Collingwood and grandmother to her children Michael and Matthew Rowbotham and Hannah and Jerod Bryan.

She was a step-mother to Carol Fox of Meaford and is remembered also by her children Rory, Jenny and Alicia.

She is survived by a sister, Rose Gingras (Andy) of Kingston and was predeceased by her brother John North and remembered by sister-in-law Dorothy Smallwood of Collingwood and was also predeceased by her brothers Norman North of Collingwood and Clifford North and remembered by sister-in-law Olive Marsden of Maxwell. A sister, Dorothy Cole of Collingwood, also predeceased Marion.

She will be recalled as a dear sister-in-law by Audrey (George) Arbouthnot of Collingwood, and was predeceased by brother-in-law Dennis Sadler, and sisters-in-law Rita Sadler, Dorothy (late Aubrey) Richardson, and Helen (late Jim) Lambe.

Cremation has taken place and a family graveside funeral service and interment of Marion's ashes will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, Box 556 Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **LENNOX, MARY 'EVELINE'**

*Eveline Lennox of Thornbury passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Meaford Hospital on Monday April 30, 2018 in her 89<sup>th</sup> year.*



She was the daughter of the late Alonzo and Hawthorne (nee Taylor) Smith, and Eveline (nee Wright) Smith.

Eveline was predeceased by her beloved husband Gordon in 1988. She was the cherished mother of Donna Thompson (Wayne) of Owen Sound, Ron Lennox (Cindy) of Clarksburg, and Sharon Long (Gary) of Clarksburg. Eveline was predeceased by her son Bill Lennox in 1994 and will be remembered fondly by his wife Janice Lennox of Thornbury. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Barb Lennox in 1991.

She was the loving grandma of Lori Ardiel, Scott Thompson (Melissa Stott), Kathy Lennox, Debbie Almond (Josh), Keri Lennox (Tavis Yeats), Nathan Lennox, Brad Long (Landi Brown), Bryan Long (Caitlin Roach), Karen Long (Dave McNichol), Candice Lennox (Daenen Bramberger), Brett Lennox (Tarynn), and Mark Lennox (Kelsie). She was the caring great grandmother of Mathew, Justin, James, Logan, Avery, Tanner, Griffin, Parker, Charlie, Sophie, Kaia, Charlotte, Esme, Gavin, and Locklyn.

Eveline is survived by her sister Joan Shaw (Allan) of Saskatchewan and her brother Allen Smith (Joan) of Meaford, and was predeceased by her brother Ted Smith. She will be remembered fondly by Bob Lennox, Mary Lennox, Bruce Radbourne, and by her many nieces, nephews and their families.

Family will receive friends at the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel** in Thornbury on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 4 until 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 11 o'clock, with interment following at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or the Town of Blue Mountains towards the Beaver Valley Athletic Association Moreau Park Pavilion would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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### COONS, SHIRLEY A.

*March 15, 1927 - April 25, 2018*

*Born in Winchester springs, Ontario, a daughter of the late John and Mary (nee Hess) Coons, Shirley was the younger daughter in a family of 9 siblings. She passed away peacefully at Georgian Heights in Owen Sound in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year.*



She was predeceased also by brothers, Herman, Dalton, Fred, Clayton, and Burton and by sisters Mildred Clarke, Evelyn Coleman, and Doris Edgerton. She will be remembered as an Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews in the Ottawa Valley and Leeds/Grenville area. She was a loving Mother to her only child, Frankey Sisty, of Clarksburg, ON and was predeceased by her son-in-law, David Hay. She will be recalled as a Grandmother and Great Grandmother to Chad MacDonald-Hay (Crystal) and Faith Melody Lynn.

Shirley spent most of her years in the community of Brockville. She was a factory labourer with Caldwell Linen Mills, General Motors Oshawa, RCA, Black and Decker and retired from Brockville Telecom/Microtel at the age of 63. Shirley was an excellent, albeit vocal, employee who had a natural flair for leadership. She was liked by colleagues and management alike.

As the younger sister, she was a bit of a brat and enjoyed tattling on her siblings, and was known for not keeping secrets. As she aged, she was a very good sister and built a very solid relationship with her last remaining siblings, sisters Doris and Evelyn, until their passing in 2013.

Shirley was definitely the “favourite” Aunt of the Coons crowd. Always in attendance at family functions and known for keeping everyone laughing. She was a surrogate parent to many of her nieces and nephews and had some that spent summers working in Brockville or camping in the Long Sault area.

Of the many roles that Shirley had, being a mother was the one of which she was most proud. She raised her daughter, Frankey as a single-parent in the days when this was not common. Frankey’s father, Frank Sisty, of Florida/Cardinal, Ontario, predeceased her mother and was buried exactly 3 years to the date of Shirley’s passing. Karma?



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As a single mother, Frankey never wanted for anything that the other children had. When some older girls were caught bullying Frankey, mother Shirley saw them from a distance and went into action to ensure they would never come near her baby again. Shirley took on roles of test chairman with the Brockville Figure Skating Club and hand made beautiful skating costumes in which her daughter would perform.

Shirley spent 5 years living with Frankey in her new community of Clarksburg where she was able to be close to Sierra, Terra, and Fergie; pets played a very big role in Shirley's heart.

Shirley had many great friends and neighbours in Brockville and spent her later years travelling to Acapulco, Florida and other hot spots with her chums. As a neighbour, one of the classiest acts I had the pleasure to witness was when Shirley "pseudo-adopted" a local neighbour lad, whose family had limited means, and she became a hockey mom for the season. She paid for the team membership, equipment, drove the lad to and from practice, ensuring he had money in his pocket for a drink and snack after practice. When the lad invited her to the annual father son banquet, Shirley told the lad to take his mom, but was told that his mom didn't have any nice clothes to go to such an event. Mom gave his mother a dress and ensured she would be there to celebrate her lad's hockey success. Shirley was one of the most unselfish people you would ever meet.

If you asked Shirley if she had any regrets over the 91 years, she would likely say the only thing she would have liked to have done was to have received a high school diploma. Shirley was educated in a one-room schoolhouse in Winchester Springs and, due to financial constraints with families of the day, was only able to complete Grade 8. No one had a sharper mind, and better knowledge of how to save money and make a dollar stretch beyond its capacity, than Shirley. If opportunity had provided, she would have likely excelled in high school and even went on to achieve a post-secondary education. As the first generation in my immediate family, in her honour, I not only attended college, but I am a college professor, at Georgian College, Owen Sound.

Shirley's last years of health were not ideal. Upon suffering a stroke in mid 2015, her ability to live a full-life was diminished. She wasn't able to walk, she was blind and deaf and she had dementia. She was placed into the Georgian Heights Care Facility in Owen Sound where she lived out her days and had wonderful caring nurses, doctors, PSW's and staff by her side when she breathed her last breath.

A celebration of Shirley's life will take place Sunday, June 17 at the Brockville Royal Canadian Legion, downstairs lounge, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Food and drinks will

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be served. Please bring pictures and stories to celebrate our girl, and dress in the 4C's: casual, comfortable, cool, and colourful.

As you can see, Shirley had a wonderful life and no doubt you have heard bells, and dings, and gongs, because as they say in the movie, "every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings." Fly home mom, I'll see you in my dreams".

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Owen Sound or Collingwood Humane Society would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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### **LUCAS, JOHN HARVEY**

*Born on June 18, 1926 in Hanover, Ontario our beloved father John passed away at Errinrunc Long Term Care Centre in Thornbury, Ontario, on Friday, April 13, 2018 at the age of 91.*

John was predeceased by his wife Peggy Lucas just a few short months ago.



He was predeceased by his parents Harvey and Renata (nee Knechtel) Lucas and his siblings Bill Lucas, Betty Boyd and Christine Kilmer.

John was a loving father to his daughters Sandra Scott (Carl) and Vicky Flett (Brian). He was the adored grandfather to Lucas Flett (Joti), Justin Flett (Stefanie), Hilary Scott, and great grandfather to Ella and Lyla Flett. He will be greatly missed by his nieces, nephews and their families.

John led an exciting life; he graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in aeronautical engineering. Right out of University he had the opportunity to work at Avro Canada. He was involved with the creation of the Avro Arrow. After Avro he went on to work at Purity packaging as a general manager and eventually became vice president of Glopak.

Our dad was an avid sailor and owned a few sailboats during his lifetime. He sailed from Lake Champlain to the Bahamas and lived on his boat for 6 months. He was a great story teller and would charm us with stories of his adventures. He was very well read and enjoyed a good debate on any topic, especially politics! Dad was our rock and will be forever remembered.

John and Peggy will be laid to rest during a private family celebration of their lives at the Lucas family plot at the Markdale Cemetery at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum (*Ingenium Foundation*) or the *Canadian Cancer Society* would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfunerahomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfunerahomes.ca)





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### **McTAGGART, PATRICIA ROSE ANNE**

**.....Service announced.....**

*Pat, a resident of Meaford born in Toronto on April 13, 1942, the daughter of the late Thomas and Doris (nee Clark) Scott, Pat passed away peacefully on April 10, 2018 at the age of 75.*



She is remembered as the mother and grandmother of son John McTaggart (Lynn) of Mississauga and children Scott (Anna) of Mississauga and Jason (Quinn) of Guelph; son Keven McTaggart (Lucie) of British Columbia and son Nathan; and son Glen McTaggart (Trish) and children Christopher (Jessica) and Alex (Simone) all of Mississauga.

She was a sister to Tom Scott (Helen) of Meaford and will be recalled by her nieces and nephews and families.

Cremation has taken place and a gathering celebrating Pat's life will be held at the Meaford Curling Club on Friday October 19, 2018 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. A private family disposition of her ashes will take place at a later date.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford United Church Memorial Fund or Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the **Ferguson Funeral Home**, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.  
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### **SLADE, DAVID CHARLES, RPP MCIP**

*Born in Chesley on June 24, 1953, a son of the late David Lawrie and Freda Lillian (nee Remington) Slade, David passed away at University Hospital in London on April 5, 2018 at the age of 64.*



David was well known for his extensive work and expertise in land use planning through his company D. C. Slade Consultants Inc. throughout the County of Grey and Georgian Triangle area. He was a dedicated Rotarian and will be remembered also for his many other contributions to the Beaver Valley community which he so enjoyed with his family. He enjoyed the camaraderie of sports as a hockey player, curler, life long skier and golfer which sports he played with fervor.

David was the beloved and devoted husband of 36 years of Betty (nee Maize) of Thornbury and the much loved father of Michael Slade and his wife Megan of Bradford and grandfather of their daughter Brooklyn, Andrew Slade and his wife Sheena of Collingwood and grandfather of their children Sadie and David.

He was a dear brother to Ken Slade and his wife Jayne of Cambridge and Beverly Anstett and her husband Mike of Exeter. David is also recalled with affection by his mother-in-law Joan Maize (late Gordon) of Lucknow and is remembered as a special brother-in-law by the Maize families: Bonnie Anderson (late Andy) of Stratford, Brenda McGee and her husband Bob of Goderich, Beverley Cloutier and her husband Hermel of Wasaga Beach, Brent Maize and his wife Cheri of Lucknow and Barbara Voisin and her husband Al of Kitchener. He will be forever remembered by his many nieces and nephews and their families.

David's family will receive friends at a community celebration of David's life with a reception at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury on Friday April 27th from 1 until 4 o'clock where remembrances will be shared at 1:30 p.m.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers, donations to the Trillium Gift of Life Network or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and may be made directly or through the **Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel**, PO Box 556, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)