



Donna Ruth Hubel

December 31, 2020

DONNA RUTH HUBEL, passed away in Toronto on December 31, 2020 at the age of 84 after a valiant battle with Covid-19.

She is survived by her loving daughter Leslie, her nephews Clifford, David, Bruce and Taras Melville and their families. She is predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law Lorne and Theresa Melville as well as by her nephew Wayne Melville. She will be dearly missed by her close family friends Jeff and Jane Miller and her extended family.

Donna was born in Creemore Ontario on December 27 1936 to Clifford and Minnie Melville. Throughout her life, she was a dedicated speech teacher in Scarborough. She gave of herself to many worthwhile organizations which resulted in her making many close friends and acquaintances. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone with whom she interacted and whose lives she touched.

Cremation has already taken place and a Celebration of Donna's Life will take place later in 2021. Donna remains forever in our hearts and minds!

Comments



“ I was 4 when I first met this exceptionally kind, positive, fun, lady full of class. Leslie and I walked in lock-step through the early years and the stories are many. Donna was always willing to go the extra mile for Leslie and her friends, from which I certainly benefitted. Like many of you, I see Donna as a second mother. When I left Canada for a few years, Donna was one of the very few who consistently kept in contact with me, she never knew how incredibly important those snail-mail letters were (this was before email). So many times they kept me sane and reminded me of family back home. Family. That was Donna's primary concern. What a delight to have had the privilege of knowing Donna Hubel for a full 46 years of life. I will miss you my friend. Condolences, Support and Love to Leslie and family. Rest in peace. Until we meet again...

Love Forever, Tom

Tom Supra - January 12 at 04:44 PM



“ Dear Leslie,
Your mother adored you. You were the light of her life. She talked about you often and cared for you a great deal. She will always be remembered as a very kind and generous person and a wonderful friend. I will miss her terribly.

Love,
Bonnie Clarke

Bonnie Clarke - January 06 at 07:23 PM



“ Aunt Donna was one of the first adults in my life who made an impression on me. We used to visit her and Uncle Jim in Toronto when I was under 5, before we moved up north, and she'd fill the basement with toys for us to play with. Then I remember she came to visit us when we lived near Elgin, Ontario, and she brought you, Leslie, to meet some of the other Hubel girls. As we all posed for photo after photo, what was evident to all of us was how much she loved you and how proud of you she was.

You two were clearly profoundly connected to one another, and I know you must feel her loss deeply. I wish you solace in your grief and, someday soon, joy in your memories of her.

Love,
Teresa

Teresa Hubel - January 06 at 11:08 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.
~ Marzena Dana



marz - January 05 at 08:59 AM



“ She was my auntie.
Although I hadn't seen her in a long time, my memories of her are still strong and fond.
My condolences to her daughter, who was closest to her.
RIP, Auntie Donna.

Pete Howard - January 05 at 08:24 AM



“ Charles Smith lit a candle in memory of Donna Ruth Hubel



Charles Smith - January 04 at 07:17 PM



“ I knew Donna as a generous, gentle and genuine soul, easy to talk to, a great listener and a wonderful person to be around.
Donna may your soul Rest in Peace.

Charles Smith - January 04 at 07:16 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by Donna's sudden passing. She was a lovely, warm person, and I always enjoyed our conversations over a coffee.

Dear Donna: "There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart."

My sincerest condolences to Leslie.

-Krystyna R

Krystyna R - January 05 at 02:12 PM



“ I have fond memories of Donna. She was my mother in law for a time and I remember her kindness, support and generosity during those years. I believe in some ways she was like a second mother. Donna is someone I will likely never forget. Rick Pokuls

Rick Pokuls - January 04 at 03:36 PM



“ I was shocked and saddened about Donna's sudden passing. I had several conversations with her at the RTO and RWTO luncheons. She was such a pleasant lady who always had a smile. My condolences are extended to Leslie and loved ones. may Donna rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.



Brigitte Kolozsvary Kolozsvary Bryan - January 04 at 01:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Many times she came to events organized by District 23, RTO ERO. It was always a delight to share an experience with her, We are grateful to have known her. Mildred Frank

Mildred Frank - January 04 at 12:18 PM



“ I first Donna when she was SPL teacher at Beverly Glen and my classroom as across the hall. then I met her again when I joined RTO and then again when she came to RWTO . It. Was always a pleasure to work with on various projects. She will be remembered y myself and all others who knew her. She shared her knowledge and she always willingly shared art and craft ativities with me. I thank her for all of those.

She wil be remembered. Leslie—your mom was a wonderful person.and I am glad that I knew her.

Carol Nelson

Carol Nelson - January 03 at 10:07 PM



“ My condolences to all of Donna's loved ones. Although I really don't know you I do have wonderful memories of that great 80th birthday party of a few years ago. Donna and I worked together for several years on the Retirement Planning Workshop committee for RTOERO Toronto Districts.

Donna was always giving and sharing, always with her beautiful smile and quiet yet willing way of helping. We, her friends from teaching and the retirement work we did for RTOERO will miss her. We will look forward to that time when we can gather, share our stories, laugh a bit and cry a bit as we remember a wonderful friend and colleague in education.

Mary Ellen Lawless, Dist. 23 and onetime chair of the now r edundant Retirement Planning Workshop committee.

Mary Ellen Lawless - January 03 at 04:46 PM



“ The news of Donna's passing is very sad and unexpected.

A long time ago, in the 1980's, I first met Donna when we were colleagues in the Speech Dept. at the Scarborough Board. She was a professional mentor who very willingly welcomed me and shared her knowledge and experiences.

Donna always talked very proudly of her daughter, Leslie.

Although years passed, and we lived in different parts of the province, I still feel that I know Donna from reading about her accomplishments in RTO newsletters over the years. Donna lived a very full and active life.

I send my sympathy to Leslie and the family.

Sincerely,
Melanie Clark

M. Clark - January 03 at 04:18 PM



“ I am sitting here today thinking about my Aunt Donna and how to honor her memory. There are very few women in this world that are classy, and when I say this I mean Jackie Kennedy type- poise, well rounded, able to converse on anything, and when you're in their presence like you're the only person they are interested in talking with. They also make you feel comfortable even when you are uncomfortable. They are feminine but also strong independent woman.

With all this said about what makes her special and a group of women becoming extinct in society, I will share a story about her that just exemplifies this quality. I must have been 21 or so when I went over to visit Donna in the summer and she took me to Dinner Theatre. I had never been to this venue or honestly anything close. I was excited but also hesitant as it was out of my comfort zone. Whenever I went to see her she always had plans and places to go as if you were on vacation with a tour guide. I always brought some dress clothing as I never knew the plans, and had been caught off guard once and had to buy some while visiting. This trip brought a brown suit. I thought that I was dressed for the occasion. Donna was dressed and as always well put together. We went to Cullen's Country Barn and the theatre was upstairs. When I got in I felt a bit under dressed. Most men had on black suits and were very polished. We sat down at the table and I had never seen so much silverware in my life. I did not want to embarrass my hostess, so I waited for others at the table to eat to see where they started. I probably could have asked Donna, but did not want to embarrass her. The play we saw was Educating Rita, and I felt as if it was life imitating art. The meal was served in courses and so during the play I just observed and followed others at the table as how to conduct oneself. At the end of the night as we were driving home Donna asked me what I thought of the evening. I said it was great and how much I enjoyed it. I never did tell her about my anxiety or how I honestly felt like Rita. She made me feel comfortable the whole time during the show and I do think she may have known I felt like a fish out of water. She had this way to make you feel confident and open your life to new experiences. There are many other experiences she exposed me too as well.

Over the forty-five years I knew her she was not just a family friend who we got to know but a family member we adopted and were enriched from knowing her. Personally, she was like the Pied Piper who introduced you to things or people you'd have never experienced without her. She may not have been my biological aunt but she was/is my aunt in my heart. The world will not be the same without her. This is a person who will not be forgotten or replaced in one's life. A hole will be there and not filled nor do you want it to be.

I love you Aunt Donna and am thankful for all you brought to my life. Rest in peace and know you are not forgotten.



“ Donna was an avid supporter of the RTO - Breakfast for Kids Golf Tournament for many years. She spent much time in helping to obtain prizes for the Silent Auction table and served selflessly on the day of the tournament. On behalf of the past golf tournament convenors and the many kids who benefited in the various school Breakfast Programs from Donna's diligence and caring ways - A BIG THANK YOU! Condolences to her daughter and family.

Lothar Maier - January 03 at 03:18 PM



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Annemarie McKee - January 03 at 01:08 PM



“ We will miss seeing Donna at the Grummett family gatherings. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

John Grummett (on behalf of Larry Grummett and family).

John Grummett - January 03 at 03:46 PM



“ May you Rest in Peace Donna Hubel. My condolences to her family.

Deborah McDow - January 03 at 07:45 AM



“ Leslie lit a candle in memory of Donna Ruth Hubel



Leslie - January 03 at 01:45 AM



“ My mother was my best friend, She was the most courageous person I knew. Often times, it was hard to follow her example. My Mom, was a hard act to follow. But, I will continue to live my life with the lessons she taught me. Be kind, be fair, forgive, and just love. I love you Mom!

Leslie - January 02 at 11:14 PM



“ Donna, and my Mom, Alice Miller were really good friends since they began teaching back at the beginning of their careers. My sister Jane and I grew up with Leslie and knew Donna to be a smart, kind, intelligent and pretty lady. But most of all we knew her as Leslie's Mom. We knew Donna and Leslie were not only Mother and daughter, they were the best of friends. Back in the early 80's Donna came by our house to pick up Leslie after school and she asked us to come outside because she had a surprise. She had a new car and was really proud of it... a Plymouth Road Runner. 2 door blue with blue sport striping. It was a cool car for a very cool lady. Donna we will miss you, and we are better for having known you. R.I.P. Love, Patti and Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller - January 02 at 09:23 PM



“ Carol L Watterson is following this tribute.

Carol Watterson - January 02 at 08:10 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Donna's family. I knew Donna as an active member of RTO and RWTO. I feel fortunate and blessed to have spent time with Donna through many of the activities she organized! She will be missed, Lynne Said, retired teacher

Lynne Said - January 02 at 05:18 PM



“ I have fond memories of first meeting Donna when she would come to Sir SB Steele PS as our speech therapist and then years later after I retired. I would see Donna at the monthly RWTO luncheons and when she was our RTO President and led the yearly RTO General Meeting every year while she was President. When things get back to normal I am going to miss chatting with Donna at all these retired teachers meetings. She was always so caring and I loved the beautiful or amusing HATS that she ALWAYS wore to these meetings. I can't believe that she is no longer with us! Please accept my deepest sympathy. Donna..a beautiful person!
Carol L. Watterson

Carol L Watterson - January 02 at 03:45 PM



“ It is with very great sadness that I learned of the passing of a dear friend and colleague. Donna and I cemented a friendship when we were in the SBE Speech and Language Department , a friendship that I so valued . She was so giving in her work for her various retired teacher activities. To be a friend of Donna was to be her friend forever . Condolences to her daughter and family. She will be sadly missed by so many.

Judith Jimenez - January 03 at 10:36 AM



“ Donna will truly be missed. She was a wonderful mother to her daughter Leslie. And will live on in our hearts forever.

Christina Couto - January 02 at 02:59 PM