



Elizabeth Norman

July 8, 2020

Liz Norman passed away in her 84th year on July 8, 2020 in Toronto. Liz was the loving daughter of Jack and Ivy Norman, a wonderful sister to John (deceased), and Don and a cherished sister in law to Ruth and Mary. She will be fondly remembered by nieces Jennifer and Jill, and nephews Jeffrey and Cameron and by several great nieces and nephews, who she loved to shop for!

Liz went to Swansea Public School and Runnymede Collegiate. She attended Toronto Teachers' College and began her teaching career teaching Kindergarten in York Township. Later in her career, she received her B.A., Masters in Education and attended Manchester University in England where she received training in Deaf Education. Upon her return from England, Liz taught deaf and hard of hearing children at the Metro Toronto School for the Deaf and Forest Hill Public School. After retiring, Liz spent many hours reading to children at Sick Kids Hospital.

Liz was always kind, caring, generous, appreciative and fashionable, (she had an accessory for every outfit). She had a very large circle of friends from her career in teaching and the family cottage at Lake Bernard. She nurtured these friendships by showing a genuine interest in others and their lives. Liz maintained her connections using the telephone and sending cards to friends and family, recognizing birthdays and special events.

Lake Bernard had a special place in her heart. She loved nature and even when she could no longer make the trip north, she would frequently inquire whether the loons were calling or the trilliums were in bloom.

We could all learn from how Liz approached her many health challenges with bravery, dignity and a positive attitude. Liz had several caregivers with whom she established a special bond. We would like to thank them and the staff at Humber Heights for their care and concern over the years.

A celebration of life will be announced and held in the future. For those who wish, donations may be made to "Sleeping Children Around the World", or "Children's Wish Foundation", or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Elizabeth was a treasure! She nurtured all those around her by showing a keen interest in all they said and did. She had a great sense of humour and the enviable ability to make everyone feel special! She will be greatly missed! Our love and condolences to the family.
Rob and Jackie Johnstone

Jacqueline Johnstone - July 15, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ Liz was my best buddy during our younger days at our beloved Lake Bernard, and we shared many adventures there together. I spent happy times with Liz and her wonderful family. As throughout her life, Liz was a kind, considerate and generous young woman. I deeply admired the fortitude and grace with which she faced her many health challenges. It was a treat for me to have a phone chat with her (thanks to Don) a couple of years ago. As usual, she was keenly interested in my life and my family.
My condolences to Don, Mary, Ruth and family.
MarilynMcQueen Dewis

Marilyn Dewis - July 14, 2020 at 02:45 PM

EC

“ Liz was a special friend to us. She had a great personality and the memories of visiting her at different times will stay in our hearts forever. We love you and will miss you! Elena, Bethany & Gideon.

elena cheong - July 13, 2020 at 03:32 PM

HT

“ Liz was a dear friend who always remembered the stories of the lives of others. Liz did this because she cared. She had a great ability to share joy when a friend visited by phone or in person.

Liz was a member of "the Ladies" formed in 1980 when a group of MTSD colleagues were moving on in their careers. Many dinners and gatherings were shared with Liz enjoying the friendship. There was much laughter!

Liz carried graciousness with elegance. She was beautiful on the outside and on the inside. Liz was the soul of kindness and with her health challenges, Liz showed a strength that was remarkable.

I will miss dear Liz and I send condolences from my family.

Rest in Peace.

In loving memory,
Helen together with Tony, Kathleen & Sarah Tilly

Helen Tilly - July 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM

AL

“ Liz was a highly respected colleague and a wonderful friend during our years at Forest Hill. She always spoke lovingly of her family and it was evident that she truly cherished her time at the cottage.

I was one of the fortunate recipients of her lovely notes, they were kind and thoughtful. I will always remember Liz fondly, she was admirable,, remarkable, and memorable.

My most sincere condolences to your family.
Ann Lamoureux

ann lamoureux - July 12, 2020 at 05:27 PM

SM

“ Liz and I shared many laughs and tears at Metro Deaf and Forest Hill. She was the most kind and generous person who delighted in hearing from friends (albeit by phone). There is a new bright star in the heavens tonight. Sheila Milne

Sheila Milne - July 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM

SK

“ Liz's unique gift was making everyone feel special and appreciated. Despite her many health challenges she approached life with enthusiasm, grace and dignity. Liz was a remarkable person.
With thoughts of loving kindness to her extraordinary family and many dear friends,
Susan and Andy Keir

susan keir - July 12, 2020 at 05:56 AM

JB

“ I knew Elizabeth when we were young children, her mother being a cousin of my father , Willard Blakeston. I appreciated reading about Elizabeth's contribution to gifted children with special needs My dad grew up in Stratford, we lived in Cobourg, so travel in the 40's and 50's was an adventure, but infrequent. Visiting the Normans and especially Aunt Ivy was a treat. Having lived on the west coast for over 50 years has meant that I have lost touch with people in my past so that reading about Elizabeth's life and her warm friendships and her successful career brings back happy memories. My sympathy to her family and friends.

Judith Blakeston - July 11, 2020 at 06:00 PM

PM

“ Elizabeth was a good friend to the McArthur family. What a great thing it was that Elizabeth and our mother Ruthie both resided at Humber Heights during their final years. Ivy had been such a dear friend to Ruthie and I am sure Liz and Ruthie's every encounter at Humber Heights brought back some warm memories, probably to both of them, while they both maintained their interests in our mutual families. I can still taste Ivy's ginger cookies just thinking about them.... Its wonderful to read of Elizabeth's love for Lake Bernard. Our natural environment remains such a key part of so many of us and we are the better for it.

Our condolences to you Don, Mary and family.

Love

Peter and Dawn McArthur

Peter McArthur - July 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM

“ Liz had the amazing ability to make anyone with whom she was speaking feel as if he or she were the most important person in the world. She was interested in everything and everybody, as evident in her wide circle of friends.

Liz was the bravest person I have ever known. Despite her many physical challenges, she rarely complained. She indeed made lemonade out of lemons. I shall miss her terribly.

Rest in peace, dear friend. With much love and happy memories,

Dorothy Boothroyd-Turner, with Peter, Catharine and Ali

Dorothy Boothroyd - July 10, 2020 at 11:35 PM