



Mary Dussault

July 17, 2020

Mary Dussault (nee Ward) passed away at home in Oshawa on July 17 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 71 years old.

Mary, daughter of the late Ena and Joseph Ward, will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her three daughters Cheryl, Kris (Brian Platz) and Lori (Mike Allibon), her grandchildren Rachel and Ben Platz and William and Robbie Allibon, her brother Terry Ward (Mary), her brother-in-law Ken Henning, several nieces and nephews and countless dear friends. She was predeceased by her older siblings Paul Ward (Mary), Lenora Tessier (Maurice) and Claire Henning.

Mary loved big, loud, get-togethers with homemade food and lots of laughs. She loved to play cards and golf, she loved to dance and sing, and she loved to bake, especially with and for her grandchildren. Mary was a single mother who loved her daughters fiercely, and through her hard work and selflessness was a tremendous role model. She gave us the gifts of independence and self-confidence.

We will miss her every day but happy memories of her will be a blessing.

Special thanks for the care given to Mary by the medical staff at Lakeridge Oshawa and Partners in Community Care, and especially to the many friends and family who helped during the last few challenging months by taking Mary to appointments, doing her shopping and generally being there for her and us during this challenging time.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place in what we hope is the near future.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Comments



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Jean Knowlton - March 14 at 03:25 PM



“ Our condolences to the Ward family. Mary had the best laugh which she inherited from Joe . We lived across Wilson Road from the Wards and Joe and Ena were our second parents. We grew up playing in your apple trees and eating rhubarb dipped in sugar straight from their rhubarb patch. Good times. Take care. David, Joyce and Jean Knowlton



Jean Knowlton - March 14 at 01:58 PM



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Judy - October 01, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Happy birthday my dear friend. Miss you so much. You are in my thoughts daily. Our years of friendship have given me years of wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. I will have a glass or two of your wine this evening and toast to our friendship. Cheers my dear and know that I love you and will miss you forever.

Judy - October 01, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ Our deepest condolences Cheryl, Kris, Lori and families. Aunt Mary you are with the angels now. Hoping you are in a beautiful place with your mom & dad, and brother and sisters. Hugs all around. You will be missed by many. Rest In Peace, until we meet again 🙏

Lots of love,
The Sherwood's
Rick, Michelle, Olivia and Reese

Michelle Sherwood - July 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Since I met Mary through the Willow Park Ladies Golf League at Sunnybrae, I have always enjoyed our time together, both on the golf course and at other golf get-togethers. Mary always had a smile on her face and was a very friendly lady, who was easy to talk with. I was so sorry to hear of her death, although I did know that she had been ill. My condolences to her daughters and families. She will be missed.
Grace Mountenay

Grace Mountenay - July 25, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Kris,
So truly sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. As your heart begins to heal, we hope your sadness turns into happy memories that bring a smile to you face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Brian, Rachel, Ben and family.
Tom and Tracy Fardy

Tracy Fardy - July 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ It was 7 years ago when I first met Mary and through out those years I have had the pleasure of her company at many gatherings with the Mack family. Mary was a huge part of Judy's family, they were like sisters. She was always welcoming with arms opened wide and giving of a little peck on the cheek .I even took a vacation with Mary, Judy and Karen to Cuba where we shared good times and lots of laughs. What fun memories were made. Mary was kind, funny and so smart. She should have been a contestant on her favorite game show Jeopardy. She would have done amazing! We are all going to miss this beautiful lady and her infectious laugh. Sending hugs to heaven..Trish

Patricia Lack - July 22, 2020 at 10:40 AM



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Theresa MacDonald - July 21, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Dussault.



July 21, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ To my dear cousins. We are thinking of you at this time with much Love. Aunt Mary will always be remembered fondly from the early days and Grandma and Grandpa's on Wilson Rd. and later all the family gatherings to the simple phone calls or chats at the mall. Your Mom was always there with a smile, kindness and a funny story to share. Much Love Rick & Karen



Karen Banks - July 20, 2020 at 08:44 PM



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Karen Banks - July 20, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ My sister Mary and I were not close during childhood - perhaps because I lost my place as the baby when she was born.

She married young, and had three charming daughters with Lloyd in quick order, while I enjoyed the single life for another 10 years, so we weren't close then either. But during the past 20 years we got to know each other better and enjoyed each other's company.

And by then I was better able to appreciate what a wonderful person she was. She was a loyal, generous friend, but if you went too far, she would tell you. She was very definite in her opinions, and it took a lot to get her to change her mind about anything. She liked routines -Wheel of Fortune at 7 pm and Jeopardy at 7:30 were never missed. And her drinks and chats every night at five with her best friend Judy were non negotiable. We knew when to call her, and when not to.

During her early years, she would have had some of the same loneliness as an "only" child - her sisters were too much older than her to relate to, and her closest sibling was a brother who loved to torment her. And her bedroom was the sofa in our living room until Lenora got married and a spot became open in the girls' bedroom. Because we lived on a country road, Mary was not allowed to wander off to a friend's house as I did. Perhaps that's why she was such a good cook -she learned everything about the kitchen at her Mom's side.

One of my enduring memories of Mary was her sitting practically on top of the heat register on the floor, with a book in her hands. She was a lifelong reader, and she was so thankful to Lloyd and Annie for keeping her supplied with books during her last couple of months.

Mary prided herself on her general knowledge, and nothing gave her more pleasure than to get someone to play Trivial Pursuit with her. Did you know that she took the online test for Jeopardy contestants? She and my wife Mary took the same test on the same night. Neither of them got on the show, but it was fun to watch these two Marys worrying about whether they were going to Hollywood.

Cheryl, Kris, Lori: your Mom loved you and wanted only the best for you always. She died knowing that you were all safe and happy, and could get along without her now.

Terry Ward

Terry Ward - July 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM

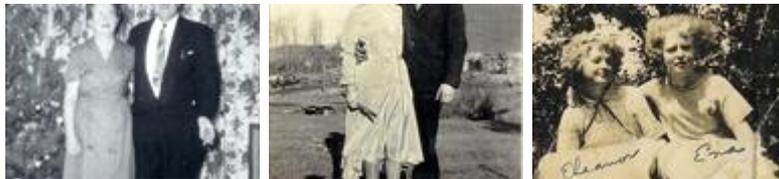


“ I have nothing but great memories with Mary. Clint Black, Reba, Garth...the Tartan, Atlantic City and of course the toothless wonder. Best pool parties ever! So many laughs!
We will continue to do our MONY/NN reunions, however for me they will never be the same.
My sincerest condolences to Mary's girls and family. She was so proud of you :)
Will cheers you often my buddy. Rest easy, Mary.
Lee Gibson

Lee Gibson - July 20, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ So sorry for you loss. I have uploaded some old pictures that my mother and father had for your tribute.



Tom Ward - July 20, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Cheryl, Kris, and Lori:
I'm very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a terrific lady! She and my mom were friends for so long, and shared so many good times with their card nights, golf games, and girls' weekends. I know that she and Gail have found each other again.
xoxo
She is fondly remembered, deeply missed, and forever loved!
Dawn Russell.



Dawn Russell - July 20, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Mary's daughter's, grandchildren and all of her family. Such a friendly, loving and kind person and what a great sense of humour. I have many wonderful memories of Mary and will cherish those always. Heaven has gained a very special angel. Rest peacefully beautiful lady, you will be deeply missed.

Lori Bromley - July 20, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Cheryl, Kris and Lori so sorry for your loss. Aunt Mary was very kind and giving i will miss her very much love Doug and Bella

Doug Tessier - July 19, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Mary made everyone feel welcome. She always had a laugh in her voice and always would laugh at herself. She has a spirit and smile that I will truly miss. May you always have a never ending supply of nibs. Love you lady.

Gail Rines - July 19, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Lori and I lived in a rowdy house of 8 women in university. When our landlords called Mary to complain that we'd held a rather large party Mary asked them 'what on earth did they want her to do about it? They are adults'. Even if we didn't act that way, Mary treated us that way. A lovely, caring woman who loved to laugh at our antics. My thoughts are with your whole family as I know she will be greatly missed. XoKatie

Katie Rodgers - July 19, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Mary's daughters, her son-in laws and especially her four grandchildren. Mary, you will be missed. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Judy Mack - July 19, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ I’ve been thinking about your mom last few days and Jassen and I have been sharing stories with our own kids. We have many great memories over so many years and we are terribly heartbroken for you guys and all her grandchildren. Our thoughts are with you all and we will be there to celebrate her life with you when it’s possible. Much love from us.

Christy and Jassen Whiteman - July 19, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Aunt Mary will be dearly missed. My mom will be in heaven to great her, and Aunt Lenora will show her around, and tell her all the best stories.

Much love
The MacDonald Family
Kevin, Theresa, Kathleen, Joey and Elizabeth.

Theresa MacDonald - July 19, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ This past Friday, we lost one of the most selfless and caring individuals I will likely ever have the privilege of knowing; my Gramma. I take comfort in knowing that she touched the hearts of all those whom she encountered, with her infectious laughter and kind words. I was never in doubt of the immense love that she held for myself and her other grandchildren, as she made it clear to us through both her countless verbal reminders and the many baked treats she made just for us (her apple pie being a favourite around the holidays). I will always cherish the connection I had with my Gramma, as she acted as a great support for both myself and my entire family, and we will miss her greatly. However, in these moments I feel privileged to have so many amazing memories with her to look back on, and will think of her every time I listen to the country music station! I love and miss you Gramma



Rachel Platz - July 19, 2020 at 06:01 PM