



Annabelle Edna Russell Heintzman

November 3, 2025

Annabelle Edna Russell Heintzman (August 15, 1926- November 3, 2025)

After a life well lived, Annabelle died at age 99 after undergoing surgery as the result of a fall. Born in Mount Forest to George and Frances (McLellan) Russell, Annabelle was predeceased by her siblings: Mary, Edward, Bruce, and Ian and by her husband, G. Howard Heintzman, who died at age 56 in 1978.

Growing up, Annabelle was mischievous, resilient, whip smart and adventurous. She wanted to travel the world. After training to be a nurse at Toronto General Hospital, she moved to London, England, where she worked as a flight attendant for British European Airways. Upon returning to Canada in 1951, Annabelle took a summer position at Bigwin Inn on Lake of Bays where she was the in-house nurse. It was there that she met Howard and they married in the spring of 1952. After three years and three children in Edmonton, they returned to Toronto, with two more children soon following. With boundless energy, artistic talent, a somewhat scattered thought process and more than a bit of feistiness, Annabelle was a force. She was a beautiful woman who turned heads and captured attention up to the day she died. Her adventurous and entrepreneurial spirit led to many ventures including volunteering at Wellesley Hospital, organizing theatre tours to Stratford and Shaw, selling her artistic creations and, for many years, running Late Bloomers, a floral business, with her great friend Anne McLeod. Annabelle had friends of all ages, backgrounds and talents. She was an avid tennis

player, skier and golfer, and an active member of The Garden Club of Toronto. She leaves behind her five children: Kim (Bill Henry)- Christopher Henry (Robyn Jones), Patrick Henry (Ella): Elizabeth (Peter McDonald)- Emily McDonald: Howard (Maureen Sanborn)- Isobel Heintzman: Robin (Gord Currie) – Alexandra Currie (Jamie Clark)- Annabel, Cecily; Shaine Currie (Thomas Grace)- James, Charlotte, Olivia: Peter- Be Heintzman Hope, Merlin Heintzman Hope- Gael, Mae.

We would like to thank the staff at The Balmoral Club and Bayview Gardens who cared for Mum over the past 10 years. A service of remembrance and reception at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Live stream link:

<https://temc.ca/memorials>

Should you choose to make a donation in Annabelle's name, please do so to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ We have many wonderful memories of Annabelle at Georgian Peaks. What spirit ! With the support of her daughter Kim she skied at least one run after turning 90. and continued to attend social events at the Ski Club. for several years.
Please accept our sincere condolences.
John and Ruth Gammell

Ruth Gammell - November 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM