



## Mrs. Audrey Alberta Simpson(nee Weston)

January 2, 2014

July 24, 1921- January 2, 2014

Tribute to Audrey Alberta Simpson, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend who passed away peacefully at Toronto East General Hospital, January 2, 2014 following a brief illness at 92 years of age. Predeceased by her beloved husband Noel Simpson. Audrey will be greatly missed by her sons Gordon Spragge of Erin, ON and Noel Simpson(wife Heather Healey)of Toronto, grandchildren Kira and Calder, great grandson Healey and dear friend Diana Anderson.

Audrey spent an extensive part of her life in the Port Hope area contributing her considerable talents to many of its heritage and artistic organizations. She leaves behind many wonderful friends and acquaintances.

She lived an abundant life with a zest and zeal for horticulture, art and community. She will be fondly remembered for her generous spirit.

A celebration of Audrey's life with lunch to be held on: Saturday, January 25, 1-3pm at Regency Manor Retirement Home, 66 Dorset St. E., Port Hope, ON, L1A 1E2 (Intersection Dorset/Princess St.) In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Port Hope Public Library, 31 Queen Street, Port Hope, ON., L1A 2Y8 would be appreciated. One of her favorite places.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Regency Manor Retirement Home  
66 Dorset Street East  
Port Hope, ON L1A 1E2 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Audrey for 40 years, starting when we both worked at 999 together. We had many wonderful and sometimes challenging experiences together.

*My first adventure with Audrey was a trip across Canada just after she had received her driving license; how brave I was in those days!! There were many antique hunting visits to small Ontario towns, the first item on the agenda being a stop at the local bakery, and Audrey knew them all!*

*Gallery and museum visits ("you become a member and make short, frequent visits to really appreciate the treasures"), House, Garden, Doors, Historic Homes Tours (with me frequently hushing her for expressing too loudly her very definite ideas), Plays and Concerts, often at the lovely renovated theatre in Port Hope.*

*A Christmas tree laden with treasured ornaments, so much so that it took a week to decorate. And one year the silver sprayed tree remained floating in the swimming pool for several months!*

*Audrey's last few years were difficult for her. The loss of her beloved Noel and the subsequent move to retirement homes, and eventually a nursing home, robbed her of many interests. The previously spirited, opinionated woman I knew became withdrawn and isolated.*

*Visits were frequently challenging as I searched for ways to reach her. Relying on my professional training as an Occupational Therapist, I would take a thermos of tea, some cup cakes, and old photographs, and our ritual was to have a "Tea Party" and chat. On my last visit she was looking towards the door when I arrived. "I knew that was you because I recognized your footsteps" she said as I greeted her.*

*After our tea and cake she told me she had created a commotion in the home by pressing the button and yelling "Help!" On inquiry re the cause of this she told me she thought she had a kitten stuck in*

*the leg of a pair of slacks and she wanted to rescue it and give it to me!*

*I asked her how the staff had responded and she told me they said there was not a kitten in her slacks. She seemed disappointed.*

*I suggested she may have been dreaming. Suddenly the feisty Audrey of old returned and she looked at me with what we used to call "The Audrey Look." "I was not dreaming," she said. "I have all my faculties you know!"*

*What a lovely last visit memory this is for me!!*

*Diana Anderson*



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**Diana Anderson** - January 19, 2014 at 02:55 PM