



Mrs. Bernice Eleanor Hines

November 5, 2016

BERNICE ELEANOR HINES (NEE BISHOP)

NOV 11, 1927 – NOV 5, 2016

Passed away peacefully at Kensington Gardens, surrounded by loved ones.

Beloved wife of Colin for 68 years. Dear mother to David, Michael, Margot Lynn and Karen; Nana to Jade and Becky.

Retired physiologist: researcher at Cambridge University, then lauded teacher at the University

of Toronto, where she taught for a quarter of a century. Bernice was a great reader and theatregoer, volunteer, animal lover and bird watcher — this last a pleasure she indulged in for many years at the family's cottage on Otty Lake.

Bernice and Colin traveled to six continents over their years together, beginning with a camping trip to Europe during which they crisscrossed England and Scotland via motorcycle and sidecar. The family would like to express tremendous gratitude to Bernice's devoted caregivers, Revelina, Rebelyn, Brenda, Lilia and Claire, and to all those at Kensington Gardens who took such good care of her. At her request, a private cremation will be followed by a family gathering. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to The Music School at West Neighbourhood House (formerly St. Christopher House), which shaped her young life.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I'm writing on behalf of UAWC (University Arts Women's Club) of which Bernice was a long-time member. The members would like me to express our heartfelt sympathies to her family and to say how much she is missed. She shared her love of life and adventure with us and we'll always be grateful.

Christine McClymont, President of UAWC

Christine McClymont - November 17, 2016 at 04:29 PM

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“ It never mattered how we organised and re-organised the teaching, Bernice, her enthusiasm and deep care for the welfare of the students was a prominent feature of the Department's teaching programme. Always up for a new experiment; always up for a laugh; always ready for a celebratory thank you to the demonstrators and teaching assistants; always living up to her promises; that is the Bernice I remember with great fondness.

*Uwe Ackermann
now in Oxford, UK*

Uwe Ackermann - November 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM

MF

“ Most of us can point to moments in our lives that set us on a new path. Mrs. Hines played a significant role in one of my significant moments when she encouraged me to pursue a fourth-year research project. This eventually led to my current position as an lecturer in the Dept of Physiology at U of T, where I aim to support student learning and career development, just as she did for me. Mrs Hines was a dedicated teacher who was both rigorous and kind. My condolences to her family. Michelle French

Michelle French - November 13, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MB

“ Karen, my deepest condolences to you and your family. You were a comforting presence to us when our father died and I can only hope that you have comfort now. Please know that I am here, and that I'm thinking about you at this terrible and painful time of loss.

Marnie Bernstein

Marnie Bernstein - November 12, 2016 at 01:52 PM

PH

“ Bernice and I spent much time together over the years, from her first days in the Department to our retirements, mostly in connection with teaching but also on occasions with Colin or their family. If I were allowed only one memory of her, though it might seem to some an odd choice, it would be the two of us early on a Monday morning, chatting together before the coming class --- comrades. Peter Hallett.

peter hallett - November 11, 2016 at 04:34 PM

HH

“ I appreciated Bernice's company in the Dept. of Physiology and then later having a quick lunch together before attending the UAWC Reading Group at different members' homes. Bernice's excellent memory and insights always brought interesting ideas to the discussions. Please accept my sympathy.

Helena Hallett - November 11, 2016 at 11:06 AM

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“ My Aunt Bernice was a lovely and very talented lady. I remember so well how I looked forward to seeing her and Uncle Colin-always a good visit. The very special visit was when I was about 13, I went to Ottawa on the train-my first time going that far alone. I was to help her out with David and Michael, my younger cousins. It was an interesting time. The highlight was when they took me out to dinner at a rather fancy restaurant as a thank you the night before I left. I don't think I'd ever felt so "grown up" before.

Gerry and I also shared a rather nice few days at the cottage one summer. I remember Margot being in a stroller-such cute youngster. I am sure the boys were around but outside away from the older people.

My thoughts are with you all as you share your love and memories of Bernice.

Susan O'Connor

Susan (Hines) - November 09, 2016 at 01:17 PM

GH

“ Aunt Bernice has been a part of my life for over 68 years... and I will miss her...

My deepest condolences go to my Uncle Colin, and to this children and grandchildren... all of whom are in my prayers and thoughts during their time of grief and loss.

Gord Hines (in Regina Saskatchewan)

Gord Hines - November 07, 2016 at 04:04 PM