



Catherine May Muldoon

July 28, 2025

July 18, 1944 – July 28, 2025

With heavy hearts—but no shortage of memories and a few well-timed laughs—the family

of Catherine May Muldoon announces her peaceful passing on July 28, 2025, at Michael

Garron Hospital in her hometown of Toronto. She was 81 years old.

Catherine was a lifelong educator. As an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher—

most notably at Seneca College—she spent decades helping newcomers to Canada find

their voice. Her students often arrived nervous and uncertain, but left her classroom with

confidence, skill, and a better understanding of English idioms (some of which she may or

may not have invented on the spot).

She is survived by her loving husband, Franz; her children, Chris (Jenni) and Elizabeth; and

her granddaughters, Molly and Maeve. She was predeceased by her mother, Edna (1995);

her father, William (1964); and her beloved sister Peggy (1996), whose antics were often the

source of legendary family stories.

Catherine adored dogs of all shapes and sizes and had a keen interest in horse racing in her younger days—especially when the horses cooperated with her “betting instincts”, which, she would finally admit, they did only sporadically. She loved a tall glass of wine, the Blue Jays and a good laugh.

A private service will be held in the Fall of 2025, with interment to follow at Parklawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Toronto Humane Society — because if there’s a dog heaven (and she believed there is), Catherine’s already handing out treats.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Gaffney Family...I'm so very sorry to hear of Cathy's passing.

We were room mates at university and shared many hilarious adventures. Cathy was always the leader and fearless in carrying out her plots and adventures. I loved her so much then, though had we spent less time together, I think my marks would have been a bit better!

We also were pregnant at the same time, she with Beth, I with my daughter, Ciara and first born. We shared our joys and miseries of this condition frequently and marveled at our beautiful daughters afterwards.

Since those days, our visits were few since I live out west. We did connect on rare occasions that were filled with laughter and good memories past. I hold her dear in my heart and hope the many good memories of time shared with your mother will sustain you in the grief of her loss. Love to you all, Laurie Marcella

Laurie Marcella - July 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM

CH

“ Dear Gaff Family.... So very sorry to hear. She was a gem! Always up for fun... hold tight to your treasured memories. Hugs to all.

*Crystal & Gary
Xo*

Crystal Harris - July 31, 2025 at 10:59 AM

GW

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Catherine but now the Sisters are together again. I could share many wonderful, funny and sad memories of my friendship of over 65 years with Peg and Cath and their families. There were so many fun times and memories. I am privileged to have shared so many with them. Rest in Peace Cath..My loving thoughts are with 'Cat' and the Family.. Love Gail

Gail White - July 31, 2025 at 09:45 AM

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We love Cathy and Franz ❤️
We knew Franz more than Cathy
It was a pleasure to be with her.
Franz loves Kathy so much.
He protected her during her illness with all of his heart.
We will miss her.
Godspeed 🙏

Sharon Shoot - July 31, 2025 at 06:03 PM