



Charlene Gale Holmes

June 24, 2025

In Loving Memory of Charlene Gale Holmes 

July 23, 1958 – June 24, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we remember the life of Charlene Gale Holmes, who left us peacefully on June 24, 2025, in her 67th year, at Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital in Toronto, ON.

Beloved wife of Solomon Webster. Loving mother of Walter Anthony Holmes (Carla), Graydon Tisdall (Jennifer), Jarrod Alexander Holmes (Viktoria), Justus Adam Holmes (Ashley) and Samuel Ethan Webster Holmes. Cherished grandmother of Madison, Rhylee, Kiah, Kaiya, Atreju and Jarrod Jr. Great Grandmother of Lucy, Malani and Aria.

Gale was born in Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia to the late Frank Edward Holmes Sr. (1997) and the late Sheila Alexandra MacKenzie (1996). She was the beloved sister of Frank Holmes, Thomas Holmes, Bruce Holmes, Linda Tindale (nee Holmes), Geoffrey Claydon and Candis Tetreault.

Predeceased by her older brother Gary Holmes (2021) and younger sister Debbie Holmes (1961). Chosen sister to her dearest friends Cathy Naseiro, and Mary Leonard, who stood by her unwavering through her battle with cancer and life. Also, her chosen brother, brother in-law Graeme Tindale, who was always the calm in the storm.

Gale was a woman of strength, grace, and kindness who lived by her own rule book in life. Those who knew and loved her will remember her for her love of roller skating, dancing, her infectious laugh, her free spirit, her love for sunshine and sandy beaches and most importantly, her children, grandchildren and more recently, great grandchildren. Gale's ability to reminisce in great detail and story tell of times past, was always something she enjoyed sharing with others.

Though our hearts ache in her absence, we find comfort in the memories she leaves behind — in the laughter shared, and the love that continues to surround us because of her. She lived her life with tenacity, love, and a freedom to be unapologetically her.

Her legacy is one of love — a love that touched her family, friends, and all who crossed her path. She will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

To celebrate Gale's life, a memorial service will take place on Saturday July 19, 2025 at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Toronto at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Palliative Care unit at Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital, would be greatly appreciated.


Tribute Wall

MW

“ I just want to say a farewell to you I will always remember when me and my sister Allysa Bascombe first met you at 7- 6 years of age. You made me and my sister felt welcome to the family and included us as one of your own children and for that I'm so grateful for how you taught me alot we had our moments together. I wasn't always the best step daughter but you never gave up on me you continued to welcome me with open arms, I'll never forget that day we first hug and cried together that's all I ever wanted was to be apart of your family and for that I'm so grateful to you Gale we will always cherish the great memories we had together and how you made me laugh so hard, you was the fun mom. And to the rest of the family thank you too for welcoming me and my siblings into this family, Gale rest in peace xoxo



marcia webster - April 22 at 06:38 AM

 Sandy
Isaacs

“ I am grateful to have known Gale though we have not been in touch for a number of years. I wanted to share a few memories.

Firstly, the day Tony was born. Sheila who would have attended his birth in support of Gale was physically unwell while in the waiting room and asked me to go into the labour and delivery room. I was a nursing student at the time and introduce myself to the staff as such thinking that would reassure them that I could manage my role as supporter. There was a misunderstanding and rather than have me consoling Gale at the head of the table I was ushered to the other end. And then, Tony popped out - face first! I think the startled look on his face probably mirrored my own :)

I did not make it to Alex and Adam's birth, but recall the stories of a valiant mother insisting with staff that both babies would live after many did not believe it would be possible. They did live, and I am happy to know they continue to have each other as life goes forward.

Ethan, we did not meet, but I have no doubt Gale would have been a fierce warrior on your behalf.

One last story - Sheila, Gale and Tony came to my wedding many years ago. It was kind of a back woods thing in an old community hall. (Linda, you couldn't make it - blame Courtney for being born in the same month). We were all fumbling with the music until Gale took over as DJ. It turned into a blast of party with everyone dancing and Tony doing the Moon dance.

Thank you Gale for being in this life. You were remarkable.

Sandy Isaacs - July 20, 2025 at 08:34 AM

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“ To Tony, Carla, Solomon, Madison, Rhylee, ,
and the entire Holmes family, my heart and
soul wants to wrap its arms around all of you.
Through my Unckle
(the late Walter Schuetzl) and my dad,
Herbert, Schuetzl, and the entire McKeown family, we grew up
together Tony, and you are a brother to me and always will be. All
you needed to do was put your mom and my uncle Walter in a room
together, and their infectious laugh, brought everybody else to
laughter to the point of happy tears. I will never forget your mom’s
hugs, that we’re so tight, and felt so strong that it let you know and
feel her love. God bless, all of our love, Dawn (Schuetzl) Bustos,
Arnold, and Phoenix Bustos, and Herbert Schuetzl



Dawn Bustos - July 18, 2025 at 10:01 AM

NT

“ Condolences to the Carla Holmes and family.
May God give you all strength and comfort
during this difficult time.



Nancy (Melo) Tremblay - June 30, 2025 at 09:50 AM