



Edna Lilyan Duff

December 18, 2022

Edna Lilyan Duff (nee Wilson) passed peacefully on December 18, 2022 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of Douglas for 62 years. Loving Mom to Mark, Elizabeth (Bruce) and Craig (Teresa). Adored Grandma to James (Katerina), Ruby, Maya, Cory and Isla. Edna was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, just days before the stock market crash. She grew up all over Manitoba surrounded by her family and friends. In her 20's she took the brave step and moved to Toronto to join her friend Mabel. Edna found work and love at Imperial Oil and she and Douglas settled in Agincourt where they put down their first permanent roots and never moved again. She dearly loved her family and friends and celebrated life with a good sense of humour. Following retirement, Edna was an active member of the senior's community enjoying curling, lawn bowling, many facets of art, finishing the weekly Globe and Mail crossword and learning about her Métis heritage. Our tech savvy Mom and Grandma loved to keep in touch with friends and family with emails and texts and her iPad was never far away. Predeceased by parents, Rea and Ruby Wilson, and brother Arran. She was Auntie Edna to many and is survived by sisters-in-law, Patricia, Sandra, and Ginny.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Scarborough Health Network (Birchmount location) for their extraordinary care and compassion during Edna's brief stay. A special thank you to the ICU staff – Dr. Rose, Dr. Betts and her nurses Mary and May.

A private Celebration of Edna's life will be held in the coming week.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Edna's name to motionball for Special Olympics <https://marathonofsport.com/donate/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I am writing on behalf of all staff members, who had the privilege of working with Doug Duff, at our special school called "Bendale BTI" on Midland Ave. in Scarborough, ON.

I am writing to Edna's husband of sixty-two years, Doug Duff. I met Doug when I started working at Bendale Business & Technical School in 1987. I don't recall what shop Doug worked in. Doug was kind, calm, a good friend and had a great sense of humor. Good thing Edna had a good sense of humor too.

There is no doubt in my mind after seeing Edna's lovely picture, that they had a loving relationship "made in heaven" all their lives. I am so heartbroken for Doug's significant and tragic loss of his dear wife, Edna. Death is painful at any time; but losing your beloved partner of so many years must be heart-wrenching.

Many former staff members were contacted by me. They send their extended sympathies to you and your family. Your Bendale BTI Family is here for you Doug.

Gord and I offer our deepest sympathies to you during this most difficult and sad time, as you grieve your deep loss and your heart begins to heal. We are an email or phone call away and will always be here for you, because that's what FRIENDS do for each other.

Love Always, Katherine Lowens-Varey and Gordon Varey

Katherine Lowens-Varey - February 12, 2023 at 02:05 PM

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“ I was Edna's art instructor at Stephen Leacock Seniors Centre for many years. Edna was always happy, chatting away with other artists. She had a delightful dry sense of humor that would catch me off guard at times. I would walk around giving advice & motivation to the artists and when I got to Edna and gave her my suggestions on her art, she would say " oh Donna, I am only puttering around today" Edna was a joy to know and since the pandemic & classes started up again I have looked for her smiling face. Those of us that knew Edna at Leacock have and will miss her, very much.
Donna Love

Donna Love - December 29, 2022 at 08:16 AM

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Elizabeth Lappin - December 28, 2022 at 09:31 PM