



## Eleanor Rachel Palmer (née Thornton)

September 15, 2019

Eleanor Rachel Palmer (née Thornton) died peacefully on Sunday, September 15, 2019. She lived a full life of 96 years.

Eleanor was born on November 9, 1922 in Regina, Saskatchewan to Louis A. Thornton and Agnes Thornton (née Van Every). Beloved wife of the late John Charles Gilbert Palmer. Loving mother of Nancy Bryans (Rev. Robert), William (Bill) Palmer (Dr. Sunu Liao), and Joyce Palmer. Beloved grandmother of Sarah Bryans, Laura Bryans, Carol Bryans, John Palmer, and Christine Palmer. Eleanor is predeceased by her dear sisters and brothers-in-law Agnes Peters (John), Marion Bowering (Dr. Melvin), Catherine Scott (Richard), Constance Pearce (Leslie), and Joyce Wallace (John). She is survived by her loving brother Rev. Louis Thornton (Patricia) and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Our family wishes to thank the staff at the Isabel & Arthur Meighen Manor (Coombs Ward) and, before that, the staff at the Avondale Retirement Residence, for their excellent and supportive care of our dear Mom. Let us now celebrate the memory of Eleanor, who chose to fill her life with a love of nature, compassion for others, community service, humility, and grace. She may not have realized how much her life has influenced all of us.

As per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends are invited

to a Memorial Service that will be held at the Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Dr., Toronto, ON, on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm.  
Church Website: <http://jubileeunited.ca/>

Eleanor supported several charities, including the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada; but in her memory, she would have wanted you to simply take a walk outside, observe and touch the flowers, smell the air, listen to the birds, and stop to say hello to someone along the way...

Look to this Day! For it is life, the very life of life.  
In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:  
The glory of action, the bliss of growth, the splendor of beauty.  
For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision.  
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this Day! Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.  
- Sanskrit Poem "Salutation to the Dawn" by Kalidasa

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jubilee United Church  
40 Underhill Drive  
Toronto, ON M3A 2J5 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

HM

“ I first met Eleanor in the mid 80s when I had the pleasure of serving with her for many years on our Beach Association. I was immediately impressed by her ability to identify issues and articulate our options along with her recommendations which usually carried the day. Eleanor and I had many discussions about politics and we often disagreed as I think Eleanor considered herself a refugee from the Tommy Douglas government in Saskatchewan .I can tell you, in no uncertain terms, that Eleanor had the nicest and most pleasant way of strongly disagreeing with me, from time to time in our discussions The residents of Deanlea Beach and the DBA itself are deeply indebted to Eleanor for not only her service to Deanlea but perhaps more importantly her warm friendship and caring for all.  
Howard F Morton

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Howard F Morton - October 17, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Rachel Palmer (née Thornton).



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October 13, 2019 at 06:58 PM

LF

“ *The memories I have of Mrs Palmer are both amazing and priceless. She taught me how to make a basket. Still have it. We would move the picnic benches together and have meals together. When we were at Deanlea my brothers and I were not only watched by our mom but Mrs Palmer watched us as well. Both Eleanor's were priceless beyond words. Nancy, Bill and Joyce and my brothers and I were thick as thieves. I love you all.*

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**Lee Fischer** - October 04, 2019 at 03:58 PM

JW

“ *I met Eleanor in 1977, when Bill and I became friends at school. Both she and John always welcomed the whole school gang at the cottage and on Tottenham Road. They both live on in our memories.*



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**Jeff Wiseman** - October 03, 2019 at 10:15 PM

JW

“ *I have known Eleanor since 1977, when Bill and I became friends at school. Both she and John always opened their doors to the whole school gang at the cottage and on Tottenham Road. They live on in our memories.*



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**Jeff Wiseman** - October 03, 2019 at 10:07 PM

TL

“ There are some people that will always leave a permanent mark in your life and heart. Eleanor was one of those people. I have known this lovely Lady my entire life growing up at Deanlea Beach. I had the trust of her family and privilege to care for her for 8 summers at the family cottage. We laughed, danced, sang and enjoyed the glorious beach and water. I will miss my dear friend, her big warm smile, her sense of humour, her intelligence, her conversation and our walks through nature collecting endless amounts of sticks ! It is time to rest now my dear friend and time to join your loving husband who has been waiting patiently to wrap his arms around you once again. Forever in Eternity. Love Teresa



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**Teresa Letourneau** - October 03, 2019 at 11:57 AM

JC

“ I recall Eleanor’s (“Mrs Palmer” to us kids) cheery waves across back yards, happy smiles and, always, kindness. Her deep love of nature and gentle yet strong manner impressed me as a child, remembered to this day. Thank-you for bringing back those memories.

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**Joan Cunningham** - October 03, 2019 at 10:00 AM

LE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lee** - October 03, 2019 at 06:25 AM

BP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bill Palmer - October 02, 2019 at 05:25 PM

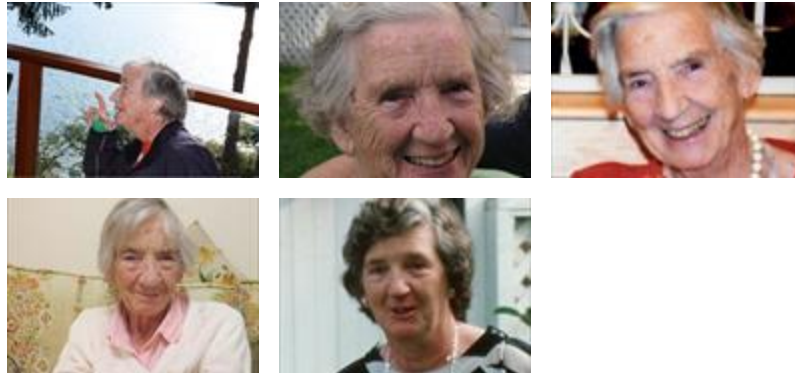
TL

Always a good time around the fire and singing with Barry, Bill and your Mom ! Teresa

Teresa Letourneau - October 03, 2019 at 11:34 AM

AFTERCARE  
CREMATION & BURIAL SERVICE

“ 18 files added to the album Memories Album



Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service - October 02, 2019 at 05:00 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the album *Eleanor Palmer Photos*



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**Bill Palmer** - October 02, 2019 at 04:44 PM