



## Mrs. Elizabeth "Bookie" Sutton(Gillis)

August 15, 2017

SUTTON (Gillis), Elizabeth 'Bookie' (Newmarket Ontario) – passed away peacefully and with family at her side at Southlake Hospital Newmarket on August 15, 2017 just 16 days after the love of her life Dave (David Arthur Sutton) passed away. Born in 1926, in Summerside PEI, Bookie was married to her beloved Dave recently celebrating over 70 years of marriage. A loving and dedicated wife to Dave, mother of John, Rick, Cathy, Karen and David; grandma to Andrew, Alana, Kerri, Amy, Emily, Julie, Angela, and Kelly; grandma-the-great to Ryan, Sadie, Alex, Jacob, Meghan, Jake, Karlee, Cameron, Nicole and Adam; mother-in-law to Michelle, Gilda, and Eric; and sister to Anna Reitmeier. Pre-deceased by her parents John Bernard Gillis and Elizabeth Marie Gillis (Arsenault), her brothers Cecil, Clifford and John, and her sisters Curly (Steele), Neva (Graham), Effie (Racette), Mary (Campbell), Florence (Jewett) and Ramona (Mychajlowycz). Bookie loved her PEI family and was known to spend hours talking on the phone to her sisters. She was loving and dedicated to her children, grand-children and great-grandchildren always celebrating their accomplishments, empathizing with their challenges, and being supportive and certain of their future potential. To say she preferred the use of her nickname "Bookie" over her proper name of Elizabeth is an understatement. Perhaps given the nickname from her childhood love of books, or perhaps from her rebellious escapades as a child with her school books, those who knew her will always know her as "Bookie", or one half of "Dave and Bookie". Bookie met the love of her life Dave when

he was stationed in Summerside PEI as a Pilot Officer in the 1940's. They fell in love and when the war ended and Dave was discharged, they moved to Dave's hometown of Brampton Ontario and started a family. Bookie was a proud homemaker and followed Dave as his career moved the family from Brampton to Hamilton, Dartmouth Nova Scotia, Brampton again, and finally retirement in Newmarket. Bookie's dedication and loyalty to her beloved Dave was unbreakable. Throughout their 70+ years of marriage they were literally inseparable. We take some comfort in knowing that they both passed away so close and are now eternally together. Bookie's sense of humour and love of music were defining characteristics. A radio was always on and Bookie loved to sing along to her favourite songs and melodies. Her sense of style and beauty was timeless and her energy was tireless. Through much of her life she enjoyed knitting, quilting, latch-hooking and sewing, and she loved socializing with close family friends including the Ching's and the Hetherington's. She had an eye for fun and quirky items and she wouldn't hesitate to wind up a little toy during dinner and laugh with us as it would wobble across the table. Her cooking and baking was legendary and Bookie loved having family visit and hosting holiday dinners. While some family remained local and some lived far away, she especially enjoyed those times when the entire family would gather.

Bookie fought the progressing effects of Alzheimer and Dementia in her final years but always knew and perked up at the mention and sight of "her man" Dave and always knew "her people" when family would visit. Bookie was a resident at Newmarket Health Centre for the past couple of years where she loved frequent visits from "her man" Dave and her family. Bookie enjoyed singing and laughing with the staff, and her personality lit up the room and the hallways.

Rest in peace dear Bookie/mom/gramma/gramma-the-great, we love you and you will never be forgotten.

Bookie and Dave will be interred together in Summerside PEI at a future date. No memorial service is scheduled at this time. Please also see the obituary on

this website for her beloved David Arthur Sutton.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My loving thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. I have so many happy memories of Bookie and will always be grateful for her warm and welcoming friendship.*  
*Pat Sutton*

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**Pat Sutton** - August 28, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ *Dearest aunt Bookie. You were such a classy lady. Always dressed in style. Your home was always warm and welcoming. I loved it when you and mom ( Ramona Gillis Thistle Mychajlowczyk) got together for the room would light up with both your sense of fun and humour. I remember getting my 1st apartment...just a few blocks from your home in Brampton....circa 1981! You and uncle Dave smuggled in your old washer/spin dryer for me...which was not allowed in the building. You even brought a pretty tablecloth to cover and disguise it. Gave me freedom over my laundry. Your baking was legendary. I will always remember your brownies! And sneaking pieces to Dixie (your dog). Thank you for some beautiful memories. 💕*

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**Anne Thistle** - August 26, 2017 at 10:58 PM