



Elizabeth Pearle Sutherland

June 6, 2024

Elizabeth Pearle Sutherland passed away peacefully on June 6th 2024 at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre with her daughter by her side.

Pearle was born in Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario on March 7, 1932 to Romaine and Ethel (Love) Conley. She was the youngest of nine children and was predeceased by all of her siblings: Lloyd (Kathleen), Harvey (Doris), Carman (Helen), Hilda, Jim, Effie, Lila (Bill) and Russ. She is survived by her daughter Susan and her "feline granddaughter" Gigi, and many nieces and nephews (and great, and great- great).

Pearle grew up on Manitoulin Island, then moved to the Toronto area. She joined the Air Force in the early 50s where she was an Air Traffic Controller and where she also met Susan's father, the late Clifford Nicholls.

When they went their separate ways after many years of marriage, she became an amazing, fiercely devoted single mother, always providing for Susan and paying for skating, and later dance and music lessons, on a single income. She always put her daughter first.

Over the years, she lived in many places, including Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, working as a bookkeeper for the majority of her career. After years of retirement on the Manitoulin, she eventually

settled in Toronto in the mid-2000s with her daughter. She played a mean game of Scrabble and was among the top players in her bridge club.

She was much loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

There will be a Celebration of Life to be held at an undetermined date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Pearle for a number of years as a fellow duplicate bridge player. It was always a pleasure to play with or against Pearle at the bridge table, but not merely because of her skill as a bridge player. More importantly, Pearle was always so pleasant and friendly. Such a wonderful and pleasant person! That's the mark of really good people, isn't it? Pearle was certainly special, and will be fondly remembered.

Keith Gauntlett - June 18, 2024 at 06:08 PM

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“ When I first retired (14 years ago now!), I started playing bridge at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre. Pearle was the Director and very kind and welcoming. She always played with Loretta and sat at table 2. She also played at another club I'm a member of, and so for quite a few years, I saw her regularly, twice a week. She was a class act, and I would like to extend my condolences to the family on her passing.

Peggy Sinclair - June 18, 2024 at 05:52 PM

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“ I met Pearle through bridge. She was an excellent bridge player, but unusual among players of her calibre, always interested in helping less experienced players. I will remember her always as a wonderful bridge player but more importantly as a kind and gracious lady. She was a lovely person.
Sincere condolences to her much loved daughter Susan.

Penny Tai-Pow - June 18, 2024 at 04:01 PM

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“ We never met Pearle, our loss for sure, but send our sympathy to our dear Suse and our love and prayers as you adjust to the passing of your dear Mom. Art and Willie.

Willie Mitchell - June 18, 2024 at 03:44 PM

PJ

“ I've never forgotten when Pearle came to look after me after my hip operation in fall 2016. We set up the card table in front of the television, and watched golf, and basketball, and played scrabble, and never ran out of things to talk about, and had the best time! I have also never forgotten how good she was to Mom those years when she was still on Manitoulin Island - they enjoyed each other's company immensely, played untold games of scrabble, and attended many euchre parties. She was never just a dear aunt, she was a treasured friend, and I will miss her. A lot.

Pat James - June 18, 2024 at 12:54 PM