



Florence Mary Bloskie-Murray

August 6, 2023

With profound sadness, we announce the quiet passing of Florence Mary Bloskie-Murray on August 6th, 2023, at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Beloved mother of Joey (Christine), Alice, and Stuart (d. 2019). Beloved Oma of Laura, Josiah, Michael, Mikayla, John, and Lux.

Florence was the second youngest daughter of Frank Bloski and Johanna Czaplá. She was predeceased by her brothers Marion, Florian, Seaforth, Tommy, and Freddie, and by her sisters Mary-Josie, Martha, Adonia, Jackie, Frances, and Gina. She is survived by her very good friend, Rowena, and by her many loving nieces and nephews.

Florence was born in Barry's Bay ON in 1940. She moved to Toronto in her late teens to raise her family and to continue her schooling through correspondence courses. Florence was energetic and talented. She made clothes for her three children, volunteered at a local daycare, worked as a librarian's assistant at Parliament Street Library, sang in St. Paul's Choir, wrote poetry, and taught herself piano. She studied at the Ontario College of Arts and was a prolific landscape and still life artist. In her later years, she especially loved cycling and swimming, and spending time with her youngest son, Stuie.

The family is grateful to St. Michael's Hospital for their encouragement, compassion, and kindnesses while caring for Florence.

Donations in memory of Florence can be made to St. Michael's Foundation.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I met Florence 30 years ago when I moved into the bldg & she amazed me what a great artist she was ,as well as an active person & very funny
I will miss our coffee talks & her calling me every week to see how myself & family were doing
I will always remember her riding around on her bike in the beach carefree
I've had the privilege of knowing her son Stewart & her daughter Alice ;
,who also has a big heart like her mom❤️
Thank you Flo for being a part of my life
Lori Sanderson💕💕

lori sanderson - August 16, 2023 at 08:20 PM

AM

Thank you Lori for everything you did for mom. I know she immensely enjoyed when you came to visit her in the hospital, you added sunshine to her day.

Alice Murray - August 17, 2023 at 05:13 PM

TH

“ FLORENCE

*There is less to our world today,
without Florence, with out her art
and her poetry. We remember we are made of clay
every time one of us must depart.
We believe in living memory
which sometimes seems too fragile
to hold the world she made so free
with her laughter and her smile.
There will be times during our urgent
days when something will seem mysterious
and as we stop to capture that moment
we'll realize that it came from Florence
- and the world around us will deepen
with the pain for all that did not happen.*

Tricia and Hans

Tricia and Hans - August 12, 2023 at 11:00 PM

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*Such a beautiful tribute. It hurts most when I think to tell her something
and then remember she's not anywhere I can go. I hope her and Stuie
are listening to Classical FM and cheating like mad at Scrabble -- Alice*

Alice Murray - August 13, 2023 at 10:56 AM

KB

“ *What a gift to have such a wonderful and loving Auntie. Many
memories of you my dear together at the cottage for our “reunions.”
So much love and affection for you. Great fun and miss them too.
Always loved and remembered. All together again enjoying another
reunion with your brothers and sisters. Cherished always in my
heart. Kara* ❤️🕊️

Kara Bloski-Yandernoll - August 12, 2023 at 05:37 PM

AM

Thank you Kara. Mom loved you very much. Our reunions were the best part of each year -- Alice

Alice Murray - August 13, 2023 at 06:59 AM

AN

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Florence as one of the fortunate nurses who provided care during her stay at SMH. She was a warm and lovely person, who through her quiet whispers and warm smiles showed great courage. She was brave and determined , and would push through her pain . I would look forward to seeing her and her daughter Alison on the weekends I worked. I remembered the smile on her face when I played Steve Wonder happy birthday song for her. Florence you touched my heart and I am thankful I had the pleasure of meeting you. RIP*

Andrea

Andrea Meghie

Andrea - August 12, 2023 at 03:07 PM

AM

Thank you for your positivity, your kindness and your excellent care, Andrea. Mom was so lucky she had such a great team at St. Michael's. And, thank you for the the happy birthday song, it was the best! It makes me smile to remember how we all laughed when you played it for mom.

Alice Murray - August 13, 2023 at 07:04 AM

PB

“ Our condolences to the family. Our memories of Aunt Florence are heartfelt. Family was very important to her. She loved interacting with her family and staying in touch. We loved the handmade Christmas cards, that we received from her every year. We still have the fish picture that she gave Frank. It greets us everyday on the wall in our Rec. Room. We have very fond memories of her that will last us our life time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Patricia & Frank Bloskie

Patricia Bloskie - August 12, 2023 at 01:03 PM

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Thank you for your kind words, Patricia and Frank. I know mom was so pleased that the fish painting found such a good home -- Alice

Alice Murray - August 13, 2023 at 07:07 AM

BW

“ My memories of Flo are of a spirited, kind and creative person always ready to welcome a friend to her home, to chat and share food, coffee and laughter, even in the early morning hours. While working together in the library I valued Flo's strength of character, work ethic and humour. I am even more grateful for her friendship and for getting to know dear Stu during our many lunches together. My condolences to Alice and the rest of Flo's family. You were loved!

Barbara Weissmann

Barbara Weissmann - August 10, 2023 at 09:40 PM

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Thank you for your kind words and memories. They mean a lot — Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:24 PM

RJ

“ Heartfelt condolences to Alice, Jerome and all the grandchildren. She always had a big smile and hugs for all of us. She always made me feel loved. She is my heart forever

Rosalind & George Jomcas - August 10, 2023 at 12:55 PM

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Thank you both for taking the time to come see her - she was really happy to see you both. Rosie you always bring sunshine wherever you go — Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:31 PM

AO

“ We are so sad to hear of Aunt Florence's passing. We have such fond memories of her. One of Alfred's favourites is when we went to visit Aunt Florence, she made us some delicious sandwiches to go. Alfred still can't stop talking about them and has not yet found the exact mustard she used. We will miss her positivity and love but know that she is now with her brothers and sisters. I'm sure Florence and Nanny are up there shooting the breeze, walking through a garden. Love to the family, Alexandria, Alfred, Beau and Didier xoxo

Alexandria Omondi - August 09, 2023 at 09:24 PM

AM

She did make pretty good sandwiches and like ole nanny could whip up something in a moment. Thank you for sharing this memory — Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RS

“ Rowena Seiter lit a candle in memory of Florence Bloskie-Murray



Rowena Seiter - August 09, 2023 at 12:00 PM

RS

“ Flo was my dearest friend for over 40 years or more. I had the greatest pleasure of sharing these years and will always be grateful for her support and love to me and to my young children. She was always there for me and always welcome my impromptu visits. Always! Tea and cookies and her smiling face always greeted me as I arrived! I shall miss you Flo so very much! God bless you My dear friend and keep you safe. My condolences to the family and especially to Alice, her loving daughter who kept me informed and stayed at her mother's side till the end. God be with you Alice and your family. With love. Rowena

Rowena Seiter - August 09, 2023 at 11:40 AM

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Thank you Rowena - she always kept me up to date on your adventures. Thank you for being such a good friend to her — Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ In 1996 Florence came to visit Jerome (aka Joey) and I in Gander. We were in the supermarket and Florence said, "Joey do you like this kind of mushroom". I told her we could pick some up if she liked. Well, she then proceeded to pick up more items and when we got home, she cooked the best steak dinner I ever had.

Christine Murray - August 09, 2023 at 10:52 AM

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She did have a knack for good food - must have been the Polish :-) —
Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:28 PM

RJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to my dear cousins on Aunties passing. She was an independent spirit, full of love and laughter. I will miss her fiercely but I know she is now reunited with her son, parents and siblings. Rest in peace. Love Rosalind, George and family.*

Rosalind Mary Joncas - August 09, 2023 at 10:45 AM

AM

Thanks Rosie - I'm sure it's one heck of a reunion they're having —
Alice

Alice Murray - August 11, 2023 at 05:29 PM

TK

I recently found out about Flo's passing. I worked with Flo at TPL's Film Dept. from 1987 to 1995 and we became good friends and socialized outside of work. Besides being an open person Flo and I also shared our Polish background, as well as our interest in poetry and art. "Auntie Flo" is also warmly remembered by Mmy sons Kevan and Eric, and by Sue. Miss the good ole days!!!

Ted Karkut - September 06, 2023 at 02:32 PM

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Hi Ted - mom spoke to me of you and your family - I hope you are all well.

Alice Murray - December 08, 2023 at 06:17 PM