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December 26, 1929, to December 19, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Francisca (Frances) Rynaldina Hogenbirk (nee Mersel) on December 19, 2025, one week shy of her 96th birthday. Predeceased by her husband Jan, daughter Nancy, son Tom (Suzanne Emdin), brothers Mathias (Isabel, predeceased), Peter (Dorothy, predeceased), sister Anne, and her mother and father, Reynaldina and Mathias Mersel. Frances is survived by her sister Pauline McGregor, son John (Diane), daughter Barbara (Duncan), grandchildren Dave (Kayla), Sarah (Gana), Eric, Ian (Kavya), Michael (Amelie), and Matthew, by her great-grandson Hari as well as by many nieces and nephews. Mom was a loving homemaker who lived for her family and was deeply loved in turn. Mom was a long serving member of Trinity United Church in Acton, Ontario. In her senior years, Mom found time for herself and greatly enjoyed playing golf and bid euchre, volunteering in the community, helping with church activities, and voyaging around the world on numerous cruises with family and friends. As per her wishes, she will be cremated and her ashes scattered to join those of her beloved husband. A celebration of life ceremony will occur later in 2026. Our thanks to staff at the Georgetown Hospital, Leaside Retirement Home, and Michael Garron Hospital for the care that they extended to our mother. We also thank our cousins Alison and Karen

McGregor, who helped immensely over the past year as did Gary and Judith Bannon. Our most sincere thanks to Gary and Gen Leslie, longtime friends and neighbours. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in mom's name to Michael Garron Hospital, Acton Food Bank, or any charity of your choosing.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ We (Dina and Wil from the Netherlands) had the pleasure of staying in contact with Frances and Jan during the years. The primary contact was our christmas card correspondance.

These cards intially were shipped by boat and the journey took more than 6 weeks and left us in the unknown if the card actually arrived.... the fact that the correspondance continued for so many years meant the cards did arrive.

We have always felt a continuous connection with Frances and her family.

Dina and Wil - February 03 at 07:14 AM

EL

“ I had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Hogenbirk(though she always told me to call her Frances, I rarely could!;) first as a young adult, and much better later on in her life...I got to know her so much better then, mostly through phone calls and letters, and realized that anyone would be lucky to know Frances. She was always caring, thoughtful, and she was always so kind and welcoming to others.... She was an incredible family person, and she loved to live life fully, and with enthusiasm. She loved to laugh, and she definitely made the world a better place...I miss our chats very much . Such a loss for the family and friends she made along the way.
ellie

elle - January 10 at 10:09 AM

GB

“ A number of years ago Francis and I were team mates on a bowling team at the Acton lanes. Our name was BIG ELF. The first letters of each member. I believe it was Bob, Ian , Gary(myself) , Ed , Lynda and Francis.

Gary Bannon - December 24, 2025 at 02:45 PM