



## Geraldine Donnelly nee Leyland

April 18, 2024

Our dear, sweet mother passed away peacefully on Thursday April 18, 2024 at Scarborough General Hospital at the age of 89.

Geraldine (Gerry) Louisa, daughter of the late William and Gladys (nee Harrison) Leyland was predeceased by her husband of 60 years James Raymond Donnelly. She was also predeceased by her daughter Karen (Dave) and great grandchild Hudson, and her brother Gordon (Dorothy).

Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma will be missed and always loved by her surviving children Keith (Joanne), Colleen (Tom), Helen (Dominic), Gerald (Linda) and Kevin (Sharon). Cherished by her 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Also left to mourn are her brothers Buster (Alma) and Barry (Cynthia).

Mom was proud of all her children and loved to tell her caregivers about her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved and missed her Donnelly cottage, 'The Hideout' on Calumet Island, Quebec where she and Dad often drove for hours to try and spot the deer. They also visited many cemeteries for Mom to do research for her genealogy. They had many visitors that came to visit and ask about their own families. On the weekends she loved going to yard sales.

In her later years Mom enjoyed doing her word search puzzles, reading and playing scrabble.

Many thanks to the nurses and caregivers at the Guildwood Parkway residence that Mom called home for the last five and a half years, and to her

last roommate Bernadette who played many scrabble games with Mom and helped her with so many little things.

The Angels are now looking over her!

There will be no visitation. As were Mom's wishes cremation has taken place.

A private family gathering and celebration of life will take place at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ My mom, Norah Edwards and my grandparents, Jim and Sally Edwards had known the Donnelly’s for so many years. I met Ray and Geraldine a few times as a young girl, such nice folks! Sad to hear of Geraldine’s passing. My condolences 🌸



~ Kathryn Perry, Norah Edwards and Family

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**Kate Perry** - June 07, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to all family members on the passing away of my dear friend and room mate Geraldine for the past 2 1/2 years at the Guildwood long term care home in Scarborough. Geraldine You will always be remembered , the compatibility we shared. . I will miss you very dearly.  
God had His way in accomplishing His Will in your life, you are now free of all pain. May your soul Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Bernadette Meurling. (Room mate , 226 Guildwood Home .

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**bernadette** - April 25, 2024 at 08:55 PM

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“ Brenda Overholt lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Donnelly nee Leyland



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**Brenda Overholt** - April 23, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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“ I remember fondly my summer time visits with Aunt Gerry and Uncle Raymond at their cottage, picking countless amounts of blueberries and raspberries. I remember Aunt Gerry teaching me about family trees and why it was so important to capture our family history. Although I likely didn't appreciate it at the time, ...I give her all the credit for my avid interest in genealogy now. It truly was her passion, and I thank her for planting that "seed" of knowledge in me when I was so young.. To her family, and also on behalf of my mom, Pearl, I express my sympathies to her children, grand grandchildren, extended families and friends. I will never forget her, or that twinkle in her eye.

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**Deb (Lalonde) Chabot** - April 22, 2024 at 05:32 PM

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“ I always enjoyed March Break . Aunt Gerri and the kids would take the bus to visit us in Palmerston. Mom would be playing the guitar as Aunt Gerri and us kids sang along to the old songs, many laughs along the way. We always enjoyed our summer trips to the island to visit ....lots of great memories for sure . Will miss you Auntie keep singing and laughing in Heaven  
Terry

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**Terry Metzger** - April 21, 2024 at 08:36 PM

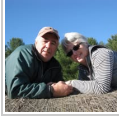
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“ 2 files added to the album MOM, GRANDMA, GREAT GRANDMA



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**Colleen Stewart** - April 20, 2024 at 10:03 PM



*Mom with great grandchildren Irwin and Ruby and daughter Colleen  
and with Grandson (Justin & wife Emily)*

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**Colleen Stewart** - April 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ *You have our deepest sympathy Colleen and family*

*Rayburn & Brenda*

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**Rayburn Evans** - April 20, 2024 at 05:40 PM