



Mrs. Gerhilde (Hilde) Muckle (nee Hirsch)

January 4, 2017

April 6, 1936 – January 4, 2017 It is with deep sadness that Hilde's husband, Bob Grunow, announces the sudden passing of his beloved Hilde. She will be missed by so many, but none so much as her adoring husband Bob and her three daughters. Hilde was a treasured mother to her daughters and a devoted 'Omi' to her grandchildren. She leaves behind her daughter Simone Usselman-Tod (Sandy Tod) and granddaughters Amanda (Mark Laycock) and Katie; daughter Kristina Jackson (Robbie King) and her grandson Liam and granddaughter Savanna; and Hilde's youngest daughter Fiona Muckle (Brad Pasowysty). Hilde was loved and will be greatly missed by Bob's children: Karen Grunow-Hårsta (Johan Hårsta) and grandchildren Nickolas and Hanna; Liesa Grunow-Barrett (Christopher Barrett) and grandchildren Katharine and Alexander; Christopher Grunow (Sandra Grunow) and granddaughter Hailey; and by Bob's youngest daughter Leslie Loyst (Tom Southon) and grandchildren Scott, Jacquie, and Jake. Hilde was born in Teplitz-Schönau, the German Sudetenland (now in the Czech Republic). Toward the end of the second world war, after the American sector was granted to the Czechs and while Hilde's father was still on the Russian front, Hilde's mother, in the depth of winter, bravely spirited her three children, Hilde, Roswitha and Othart, to safety in West Germany. Following the end of the war and the return of her father, the family grew to include Hilde's youngest sister Ulrike and brother Peter. Hilde went on to study engineering/drafting before travelling to Paris and then London, where she met and married Dr. Thomas (TJ) Muckle of

Newcastle, and where her three daughters were born. In 1971 the family immigrated to Canada where Hilde began her very successful Real Estate career. In the spring of 1993 Hilde met her 'Bobby-Lein' and three years later, they were happily wed. They shared more than twenty wonderful years together. She was the great love of his life. Hilde has left an enormous emptiness in all our hearts. Rest in peace my darling. A private memorial service will be held for the immediate family on January 8, 2017 at the Royal Botanical Gardens. A celebration of her remarkable life will be announced in the near future. At that time, all friends and extended family who have been touched by this amazing woman will be welcome. The family would like to thank the caring efforts of the ER and ICU staff at Joseph Brant Hospital. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Heart and Stroke foundation or the Joseph Brant foundation.

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Dear families of Hilde,

Only today I received the sad news. I still remember her vividly when I was invited to her home at 74 Highland Park Drive in Dundas, Hamilton, Ontario. I could stay over for three nights and I am still impressed by the attention I got. She prepared delicious meals in her very nice home with a German touch. Although the visit took place long ago (12th - 15th November 1984 (!) I could recognise her photograph immediately by still memorizing her devotion to every detail and her optimistic perspective.

I came from Germany to see her husband Thomas J. Muckle, MD, PhD and teacher at the McMasters University. He did discover a novel hereditary disease carrying his name, the Muckle-Wells Syndrome. I worked with Tom scientifically on "his" and other subjects for some time but lost contact with him, unfortunately.

I am very grateful having met Hilde and she will remain present in my memory.

*With my best regards for all who met and love her,
Reinhold P. Linke, MD, PhD, Munich, Germany
14th October 2017, 1:55 MET*

Reinhold P. Linke - October 13, 2017 at 07:55 PM

DB

“ *Kristina, Fiona & Simone*

My deepest sympathies to you and your families. I have fond memories of spending time in your home when we were younger and remember your mom as a kind and happy person. She will be greatly missed.

Debbie Bordi (Brejak)

Debbie Bordi - January 29, 2017 at 08:52 AM

FR

“ *Dear Simone, Tina, Fiona and family.*

I was saddened to hear of Hilde's sudden passing. My late husband, John and I first met Hilde in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the early 1960s. We were guests at Jim (TJ) and Hilde's wedding in Gosforth and at Simone's wedding at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club. We were also close friends and neighbours of Pat and Aubrey, Jim's parents.

We came to Canada in 1969 and were happy when Jim and Hilde decided to emigrate. We met up again and I fondly remember the many times we saw each other at various dinners and parties. My husband retired from McMaster University and we later moved to Ottawa 12 years ago.

My condolences to you at this time --- we live on our memories.

Sincerely,

*Flora Roy
Ottawa*

Flora Roy - January 21, 2017 at 12:14 PM

JM

“ My dear, Simone, Tina and Fiona,
Our family are all so very sad to hear of your Mother's passing. Hilde was a gracious, kind and thoughtful neighbour and friend, always cheerful, supportive and so very helpful in my decision to enter Real Estate. She gave me excellent advice, was always encouraging and highly ethical in all her career dealings. I always admired her beautiful family - you girls were charming, polite, sensible and excellent examples/role models for my own family. We are all so happy that she found Bob and spent so many wonderful years with him. Camilla, Holly, Rory, Esther, with Harry and me, send deepest sympathies to you all. She was a wife and mother of whom you must all be so proud.



Jacqui Templeton Muir
January 17th 2017

Jacqui Templeton Muir - January 17, 2017 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ Dear Bob, Simone, Kristina, Fiona and Family,

Roy & I wish to send our deepest condolences for your loss. We will always hold very fond memories of Hilde as a compassionate, loving, funny and vibrant woman. She was a big part of our lives for a long time and we grew to respect, love and admire her greatly. She will be missed.

Roy Beales & Joanna Cutaia-Beales

Joanna Cutaia-Beales - January 15, 2017 at 09:20 AM

JU

“ Dear Simone, Kristina, Fiona and family,
We were so saddened to hear about your Mum's sudden passing.
We have very fond memories of her kindness and on behalf of the
Upton family I send you our heartfelt condolences. Sincerely, Julia
Upton on behalf of Adrian, Patricia and Damian.

Julia Upton - January 07, 2017 at 04:04 PM

EU

“ Dear Family please take comfort in the vacuum she will leave with
all who knew her. Daughters, your Mom always made everyone she
met feel special. I never knew her to complain about, or diminish
anyone. She is a wonderful role model to follow. Compassionate,
embracing, a wonderful hostess, not to forget her beauty inside and
out, with the will and strength to carry on when challenges came her
way. I know you will take care of each other as you always do. Take
special care of yourself as well. Elyse Usselman

Elyse Usselman - January 06, 2017 at 07:30 PM

GC

“ We are so saddened to hear of your precious Mom's passing and
offer our heartfelt condolences to you Simone, Tina and Fiona (and
your families), and as well to her beloved husband Bob. Your Mom
was so well respected and was so gracious, you can only be so
proud of her, as she was of you. May your loving memories hold her
close to your heart and ease your great pain. We wish you peace
and comfort during this most difficult time.
Most sincerely,
Gail and Bob Chapman

Gail Chapman - January 06, 2017 at 06:33 PM