



## Gertrude (Trudi) Krievins

August 30, 2020

July 9, 1923 – August 30, 2020

Just before dawn on a beautiful Sunday morning, Trudi went into the light. She passed away as she had always wanted, with daughters Tami and Inky holding her hands, at her cherished Etobicoke home where she had lived since 1960.

Somehow we always thought since Trudi had reached 97 years of age, she would just go on forever, so it will be an adjustment learning to live without her, but we know we'll have her happiness to remember and her guidance from above for what the future holds.

Trudi's sharp mind and wit will be sorely missed, but we are grateful that she no longer has to endure the daily pain she had suffered for the past many years.

Trudi was born July 9, 1923, in Rīga, Latvia. Trudi never let the war or post-war displacement challenges of her early life define her. She was full-hearted with love and respect for all - and always made sure to have a smile for everyone.

As a DP, Trudi realized the calling of taking care of others and received her RN accreditation in England.

The fearless family trailblazer, with younger sister Margrieta in tow, came to Canada in 1951 to take a position at Women's College Hospital, where she remained for her entire career. The two sisters lived off canned plums to save money to bring the rest of the family over to rejoin them as soon as possible. A young man Trudi had met in England, Jānis Krieviņš, changed his plans to emigrate to Australia, and followed her to Canada. Trudi recognized that he was her soulmate, and being a good dancer, Jānis clinched the deal, as Trudi did so love to dance. They married in 1952.

Their lives were filled with Latvian diaspora arriving in Canada - great friends that they had for the entirety of their lives. The joy and gratitude that Trudi and Jānis shared transcended to multiple generations of their friends.

Cremation has taken place, with a private interment to follow at a later date.

Trudi and Jānis are together again, cutting a rug, up on the big dance floor in the sky – let's celebrate them both by loving the music, keeping a spring in our steps and remembering all the wonderful memories.

In memory of Trudi, tribute donations in lieu of flowers would be appreciated by the family.

- Kristus Dārzs Latvian Foundation - donations can be made online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-kristus-darzs-foundation/> or donation via PayPal

or (cheque payable to Kristus Dārzs Latvian Foundation) by mail to: Kristus Dārzs Latvian Home, 11290 Pine Valley Drive, Woodbridge, ON L3L 0B1 – can also be dropped off at the Latvian Centre office or Northern Birches Credit Union branch

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or by mail to: Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre, 4 Credit Union Drive, North

York, ON M4A 2N8

# Tribute Wall

DB

“Loved Mami and her joy for life. When we were together at Simon Chang no one could press garments like she could. I learned so many things during that time. Always enjoyed our telephone conversations when I was calling Inky. She has left the physical body and will remain in our Hearts and Minds forever. Love to Everyone.

*Dorothy*

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**Dorothy Berry** - September 08, 2020 at 09:15 AM

GO

“I am so glad i got to meet and know Mami through my friend Inky, she was an amazing lady with great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed. Heaven gained a beautiful angle.

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**Goli** - September 07, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DD

“Inky and Tam – I am so glad that I was able to meet your beautiful mother Trudi, even though the circumstances were tough during COVID. It is not often you get to have a beer with a 97-year old – let alone one with her faculties and sense of humor intact. I am lucky to have known her and you have my sincere condolences.

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**Douglas Donderi** - September 06, 2020 at 07:32 PM

IN

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal;  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”

*Lidzjutiba*

*Orta, Inta un Sandra*

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**Inta** - September 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM

PL

“ Trudi was indeed a gracious, caring soul who who gave the gift of sincerely listening to you in conversation. She was clever, wise and did love sharing her smile with others.  
She never forgot her Latvian roots and imparted the importance of family heritage to Tamara and Inky.  
She will be missed. Pauline

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**Pauline Lee** - September 06, 2020 at 04:44 PM

AM

“ What a lovely lady. I was always happy to see her smile and chat with her. All my thoughts to her family at this time.

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**Alisa McDonald** - September 06, 2020 at 11:39 AM

IM

“ Many fond childhood memories of your Māmiņa at the farm. Salda Dušu Krieviņa Kundze.

*Ingrīda Mezgirts-Besley*

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**Ingrida Mezgirts-Besley** - September 05, 2020 at 03:06 PM