



Gillian Foster

January 18, 2024

Gillian Foster 1940 - 2024

Gillian passed away peacefully under palliative care at Michael Garron Hospital on January 18th following a serious bout of double pneumonia with complications. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all staff at Michael Garron everyone of which did all they could to care for Gillian in a most caring and professional manner. In lieu of flowers or other tributes, a donation to the hospital in Gillian's memory would be appreciated.

Music played an important role throughout virtually all of Gillian's life. During her middle and high school years, she was a member of the Bishop Strachan School Choir. This choir was presented to Queen Elizabeth II during a special United Kingdom Tour in 1958.

Gillian's post-secondary years brought her to the study of voice with soprano Irene Jessner at the University of Toronto. During this time, Gillian obtained a Licentiate of Music in Vocal Performance from the University. Gillian sang as a choral lead soprano at various churches in the Toronto area, the most notable being Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Through the years, Gillian sang in many choirs, including The Canadian Opera Chorus, The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Masterworks of Oakville Chorus and Orchestra, the most recent being The After Dinner Mints, Metropolitan Festival Choir-Metropolitan United Church, Toronto, The Toronto Choristers and St. James United Church Choir-Etobicoke where she was a choir member for over ten years.

Gillian taught at a variety of York Region public schools throughout the bulk of

her career including as a supplementary teacher in her post retirement years. She also traveled, on numerous occasions, to Spain where she attended Spanish courses at the University of Salamanca.

We plan on holding a celebration of life choir service at St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Road, Etobicoke later this year.

Tribute Wall

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“ Even though there was 30 year difference between us, I consider it a privilege to call her my friend. We lived on the same street and we would share a meal from time to time and she would talk about her travels to Spain. She was a strong woman I will miss her but I know she is singing in heaven. Happy Birthday Ms Foster thank you for your friendship. Please contact me with info of her service, Michelle 289-264-1270.

Michelle Gauthier - March 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM