



Harriet French Taylor (née Wickenden)

May 30, 2024

March 25, 1933– May 30, 2024

With sadness, the family of Harriet Taylor announce her death, in her 92nd year. She is survived by her children Peter, Philip (Jennifer Miner), Martha (Ed Fowler), and Sarah (Keith Childerhose), her 9 grandchildren Stephanie and Megan Taylor, Ada and Ellie Taylor, Ellen and Stuart Fowler, Trevor, Emma and Kathleen Hewitt, her two great grandsons, Lucas and Wyatt Noble, her sisters Martha (MacKellar), Alice (McEwen) and brother John.

Harriet grew up in Trois Rivières, where she mastered the fine art of being a child. Her stories of that time were wonderful; chipping at ice on the driveway with a hatchet, being ferried around construction sites by her devoted father and isolating in the attic with her sister. She earned her degree in Fine Arts from McGill University (1954) where she met her future husband, Roy. She and Roy and their young family moved to Toronto in the mid 1960s, and eventually settled in Clarkson where her kids ‘grew up’. Harriet was always up for an adventure: she lived in many places including Moscow, USSR, ‘The Farm’ near Violet Hill, and eventually Oakville, where she and Roy spent their final years together. Harriet wasn’t a ‘camper’, but she loved the outdoors. She held a special place in her heart for ‘The Camp’ at St. Mathieu, and created many family memories there that are cherished by all of us. She loved art, reading and puzzles, and instilled in her kids and grandchildren a love of

the same. Later in life she became an avid (and surprisingly fiercely competitive!) bridge player, and was always keen to have played a good game (and tell us about it). She was always direct, to the point, and quick with her wit. She had a seemingly endless supply of poetry snippets, lines from hymns or songs or expressions that she could pull from nowhere, and that always fit the occasion. "Itchy nose, going to kiss a fool". Harriet had a long, fruitful, and peaceful life, with no regrets. She lived it, fully.

Donations in Harriets's memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada
(natureconservancy.ca).

Friends and family are invited to share in a Celebration of Life at The Oakville Club, 56 Water St, Oakville, ON on June 22, 2024, from 1 pm to 3 pm. RSVP your plan to attend to sarahwtaylor@icloud.com. Video recording of the speeches will be available, and Sarah will provide you with the link. A private cremation has taken place.

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“*Harriet had indeed a direct approach which just added to her wonderful character. Did not “suffer fools” lightly. She was funny and a true lady.* Helen Mara



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