



Helen Pauline McPherson

February 9, 2023

Helen Pauline McPherson (nee Shaw)

Nov. 6 1929 -Feb. 9 2023

With sorrow and with gratitude for a life well lived, John McPherson and Robert Littleford of Brighton, England and Mary McPherson and Steve Van der Wee of Mississauga, announce the passing of their incredible mother/mother-in-law, Helen Pauline (Shaw) McPherson on, February 9, 2023 at the Milton District Hospital. Helen lived a life of kindness, compassion and was blessed with wonderful health right up until the last month of her life.

Born in the town of Ridgetown, Ontario on November 6, 1929 Helen was a quiet and unassuming trailblazer. At a time when women were not encouraged to attend University, Helen attended the University of Guelph's MacDonald Institute and graduated in 1952. Helen's career as an educator led her to her husband Bill McPherson. Married after a six-week courtship in 1964, they were happily married until Bill's death in 2002. A feminist before it was cool, a lover of mystery books and white wine spritzers, Helen saw her most important role in life was that of mother and grandmother. A kind, patient and supportive mother, Helen encouraged her kids to think big and aim high. Helen was a devoted grandmother to her two "perfect" grandkids William and Julia. Her close relationship with her family and friends was anchored in her unique ability to see the best in people and the humour in any situation. Helen

never once uttered an unkind word about anyone and she radiated optimism and kindness. Along with her immediate family, Helen leaves behind her wonderful nephew Hal Shaw and his wife Val of Oakville and their children Steve and Kelly. Helen's kids and grandkids thank their friends and family who circled Helen in love and kindness these past few weeks.

In gratitude for the exemplary care she received at Milton, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Milton District Hospital Foundation either online at www.mdhf.ca or by phone at 905-876-7014.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sad to hear of Mrs McPherson’s passing ... an exemplary woman, a dear friend to my parents and kind and honest soul. Wishing John and Mary grace and good memories during this time. Be kind to yourselves.
Carolynn MacKinnon

carolynn MacKinnon - February 11, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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Thank you Carolyn
Helen and Bill loved your family, the best of friends and neighbours.
John

John McPherson - February 15, 2023 at 10:12 PM