



## Ms. Irene (Jessie) Alexander

February 27, 2017

Sadly passed away on Monday, February 27, 2017 in her 81st year.

Born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland on March 15, 1936, but brought up in Dysart.

Preceded in death by her dear sister, Jean Henderson, on February 21, 2017.

Loving Mum and best friend to Stephanie. Loving Aunt to Ian (Isabelle), Tom (Valerie) & Charles (Aileen). Great-Aunt to Fiona, Ewan, Gail, Thomas, & Clem. Great-great-Aunt to Noah.

Irene worked for the Fife Fire Brigade before she emigrated to Toronto, Canada in June 1960. Her Canadian professional career began with a job at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) then moving on to bookkeeping with such firms as: Harbridge & Cross/Monarch, Tridel, Trexcon & Dineen.

She was a proud and independent woman who worked hard & cherished her life with family & friends.

Some of her favourite things to do were: reading, going for walks, working on cryptic crosswords, watching Coronation Street & eating!

In keeping with Irene's wishes, she did not want a funeral and a cremation has taken place.

In memory of Irene, please consider a donation to The Freeman Centre for the Advancement of Palliative Care.



# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Aunt Irene, another year has gone by but never forgotten, with love from Ian, Isabelle, Ewan and Noah xx

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Ian Henderson - March 15, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ Dear Auntie Irene, always loved and remembered by us, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan and Noah xx

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Ian Henderson - March 16, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Dear Aunt Irene, five years have gone by but the happy memories are always with us.

*Never forgotten, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan and Noah xx*

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Ian Henderson - February 28, 2022 at 12:46 PM

SM

“ Aunt Irene was my Mom Maureen’s lifelong friend. They travelled together to Canada from Scotland and maintained that friendship right up until my mom’s passing in 2002. Irene was a big part of our family growing up and continued well after my Moms passing. Our Son played rep baseball which took us to the Toronto area a few times a summer where we would make it a point to visit Irene and Stephanie. On the occasion of what would have been her 85th birthday we remember her and value the memories we shared over the years.

*Never forgotten*

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*Scott, Cathy, Rob and Lindsay Meyers*



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**Scott Meyers** - March 18, 2021 at 09:12 AM

CR

“ Today would have been “Aunt” Irene’s 85th birthday. I have fond memories of Irene and Stephanie spending Christmas with us. They were, and remain, a part of our family. Even as we kids grew up Irene kept in touch with us. Although Aunt Irene is gone those fond memories remain in our hearts. Stephanie our door is always open. Lots of love.

*Craig and Betty-ann.*

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**craig** - March 15, 2021 at 05:41 PM

JL

“ I met Irene at Curves about 7 years ago, we were both from Scotland and made an instant connection. We bonded and became very good friends. She was a beautiful woman both inside and out. I will always cherish her memory and love her forever. She raised a beautiful daughter, Stephanie, and we are very close friends.

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**Joyce Livingstone** - March 13, 2021 at 02:06 PM

IH

“ For a dear Auntie, another year has gone by but you remain in our thoughts and hearts, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan & Noah xx

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**Ian Henderson** - February 28, 2021 at 01:45 PM

IH

“ For a dear Auntie, remembering so many happy times, always in our hearts, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan & Noah xx

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**Ian Henderson** - February 27, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ For a dear Auntie, loved and remembered always, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan and Noah xx

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**Ian Henderson** - February 28, 2019 at 02:11 PM

IH

“ Cherished memories of a dear Auntie, so many happy times shared, in our thoughts today and always, with love, Ian, Isabelle, Ewan and Noah xx

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**Ian Henderson** - February 27, 2018 at 03:30 PM

PS

“ At this time of year, when it's all hustle and bustle , it makes you sit down and think of those who aren't with us any longer. Our memories of Irene are of the most fun loving, cheeky, giggling beautiful person. When we visited Irene and Stephanie from Scotland our time with them was just a laugh from beginning to end! Jumping in the 'van' shouting 'As In' before closing the doors, to falling about laughing on the beach with Tom and Donald pulling up their shorts to their chins!!! We think of you often Irene and especially when you were back in Scotland in the May of 2016 and we shared many meals together and even more hilarity with our girls! Rest in peace my lovely, you were one special lady with a heart of gold. 💕💕💕💕xxxxxx

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**pat and donald simpson** - January 02, 2018 at 11:41 AM

Jl

“ I have known Irene for a few years. She was a delightful lady with an attractive Scottish accent and a charming smile. Irene always had an encouraging word for everyone and was a very kind thoughtful person. We used to meet and celebrate each others birthdays and that is when I met you Stephanie. Irene raised a very beautiful daughter, you did your Mom proud and the close bond you had with her was very special.. You took the very best care of her--an example to us all. Your Mom faced her illness bravely and is sorely missed by all who loved her.

*Love you Steph. Jill*

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**Jill** - April 13, 2017 at 08:20 PM

AB

“ Irene , my good friend , oh how I miss you . In the best of health , and then you fell ill so suddenly , were so amazingly brave , and then taken away from us all too soon .

*I had heard about Irene from friends who knew her and then , about 20 years ago I met her . There was an instant bond and I just got to love her whole personality . Irene was so outgoing and made strangers feel comfortable , always reaching out . What I admired about Irene was her strength of character , her sense of humour and how independent she was . Her friendship was a gift to me that I will always cherish . A really special person in my book .*

*Stephanie , the past few months have been a challenging time for you . You have been outstanding in caring for your Mom . I saw you give it your all . I know she appreciated it and loved you very very much . You were the centre of her world , and she was so proud of you .*

*Good bye to my special friend Irene ,*

*Aruna*

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**Aruna Bhapkar** - April 13, 2017 at 09:23 AM

RI

“ *Richard & Martha*

*Irene visited Stephanie in Switzerland while Stephanie worked in my dental practice many years ago. We were privileged to know Irene as a humorous, distinctive person. We were very very sad to hear about her passing away.*

*Socrates said: "Now it is time that we are going, I to die and you to live; but which of us has the happier prospect is unknown to anyone but God".*

*Richard & Martha*

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**Richard** - March 30, 2017 at 03:25 AM

PS

“ You can shed the tears that she is gone  
or you can smile because she has lived

*You can close your eyes & pray that she'll come back  
or you can open your eyes & see all that she has left*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
or you can be full of the love you shared*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday*

*You can remember her & only that she is gone  
or you can cherish her memory & let it live on*

*You can cry & close your mind, be empty & turn your back  
or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love & go on*

*(Author unknown)*

*A dear friend and a beautiful person. Loved by so many friends and  
family. I will miss her laugh, her smile, and HER! No one can take  
the place of a Mum*

*Pam S*

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**Pam Stevens** - March 19, 2017 at 06:22 PM

RP

“ *Irene was always an active & energetic lady. We knew her as a  
frequent visitor ( alias chauffer?) at our local arena during our  
skating sessions, Although she never laced up the skates she left  
that to Stephanie and the other regular skaters. She will be missed.  
Ronald P.*

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**Ron P** - March 15, 2017 at 07:54 PM