



Irene Enid Kuusela

May 14, 2024

Born January 1, 1936 in Toronto passed away peacefully at Michael Garron Hospital on May 14, 2024. Irene is deeply loved by her family and many friends. We will miss her compassionate heart, easy going nature, optimism, wit, laughter, and smile that lit up the room!

Tribute Wall

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“*"Tuhannet Kiitokset Irene-Tati " for our life long memories of times shared: at the Mississauga Lake cottage travelling up and down in your green bug; stranded overnight in Chicago and saved by you when we missed our connecting flight To Finland as little girls travelling alone; Cross country skiing; Cuba journeys galore; taking action in the Peace Moment, World Congress of Women, Finnish Organization of Canada, Ontario Health Coalition and more... We are so grateful to have had you a part of our life and will miss your bright laughter, the stimulating conversations and can-do attitude you always carried with you !! Love you Forever " Rauhaista Unta"*

Kirsti Luoma

Kaarina Luoma, Steve, Jussi, Albert

Liisa Luoma-Reddy, David, Gabriel, Justin

Kaarina Luoma - May 23, 2024 at 01:25 PM

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“*Irene was always so cheerful and lovely to talk to when I called her regarding union meetings. my condolences to her family.*

Rest in peace Irene.

Robin Clark

Robin Clark - May 22, 2024 at 01:51 PM

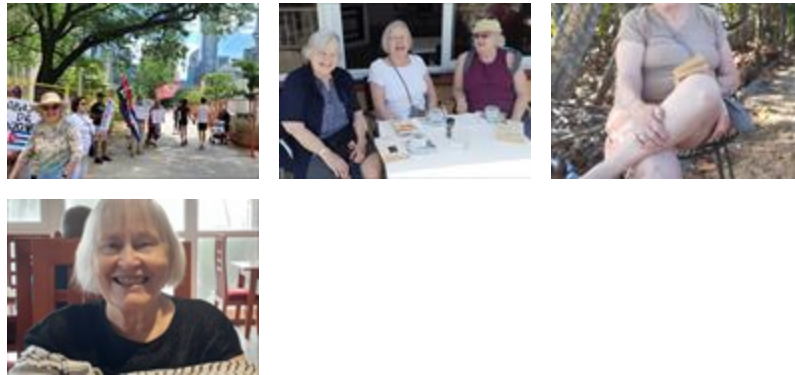
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“ I met Irene when I joined the Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association (Toronto). I had the privilege of singing the Canada's National Anthem (in English and French) and Cuba's in Spanish. I was nervous, scared, insecure. Irene's warmth and encouragement gave me strength as did her friendship throughout the years. In time, I was song/poet in Cobalt, Ontario where Irene worked as a nurse. She told me of her work and memoires of the north. I would always try to bring something back for her. I saw her recently at CCFA meeting. Always warm, supportive, kind, generous. What a beautiful spirit and lovely friend. A true humanist who cared about people, situations and the future for us all. She will be missed by me. Knowing Irene Kuussela enriched my life. Thank you beautiful Irene. Honey Novick

Honey Novick - May 20, 2024 at 08:17 PM

EH

“ 4 files added to the album Dear Friend Irene



Elizabeth Ann Hill - May 20, 2024 at 12:39 PM

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“ I am so sad losing Irene, a dear friend and comrade. I will miss her big smile and humour but also her never-ending support for Cuba solidarity.

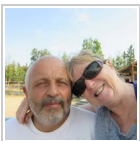
Irene served more than a decade on the executive of the Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association in Toronto. Cuba was very close to her heart and she travelled to Cuba numerous times

I was fortunate to be with Irene for at least 5 of those trips, the last was last September, when so many Cubans came to the hotel to see her. She made generous donations to medical campaigns and to help Cuba rebuild after devastating hurricanes.

Cuba was not Irene's only passion for politics and social justice. She was an active member of the union of nurses, the peace movement, and political campaigns, including mine getting elected as a public school trustee.

My condolences to Irene's family and all her many many friends.

Elizabeth Ann Hill - May 20, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ Have known my dear Irene since 1980. She was a lovely woman whose kindness and care for everyone and the earth shone from her each and every day. Loving daughter to my dear friend and Neighbour Irja Kuusela Paul - Irene took care of her Mother right until her last breath and told me something profound which I will forever carry with me. She said " Nothing was left unsaid that should be said and nothing was left undone that needed to be done." Sadly missed but lovely and happy memories abound. Love Carol

Carol Cimini - May 19, 2024 at 05:43 PM

MO

“ So sorry to hear of Kussies passing. That is classmates (SGH 1957) called her.

Fond memories.

Morva Rutter Cook.

Calgary Alberta.

morva - May 18, 2024 at 09:53 AM

SB

I also had the privilege to have spent some time with Irene on a two week trip to Cuba. She was so much fun & seemed to know everyone at Atlantico Resort. She had the ability to keep us smiling & in good spirits. I admired her independence & good nature. Her picture comes up on my devices and she still keeps me smiling. She is sorely missed by all who had the privilege to spend time with her.

Shirley Booth - June 20, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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Irene was my aunt, my fun, my break in time. I'm Brian Russell, Tim Bucks grandson. Irene would tell me jokes at Christmas such as: why did the chicken cross the road? To show off her new silk stockings!!! If anyone wants to keep in touch brusszima1@aol.com

Brian Russell - May 20 at 05:10 PM