



## Mrs. Joan Ellen Walker

November 13, 2014

Joan Ellen Walker passed away suddenly on November 13, 2014 at the age of 73.

Loving mother of Susan Walker (Mark Finch), Richard Gibbons and Pierre Salvador. Devoted grandmother to Callum Finch. Dear sister of Judy Breckles. Predeceased by her mother, Iva Kellett Breckles.

Her infectious love of life, sense of humour and generosity will be missed by all who knew her. Joan's many friends and neighbours regarded her as a surrogate grandmother, mother, sister and above all, a dear friend. She enjoyed a distinguished career as an educator with the York Region District School Board and at York University, which later led to her own counseling consultancy.

Always striving to make a difference, Joan touched so many lives. In her presence the sun shone, in her absence it dimmed. The world will now forever be a little dimmer for us all.

Out of respect for her wishes, there will be no formal funeral or service. The family extends, to all who loved her, an invitation to celebrate Joan's life on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at her home, between 11am and 4pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sick Kids Foundation.

<http://my.sickkidsdonations.com/PersonalPage.aspx?registrationID=2667357&langPref=en-CA>

# Tribute Wall



Amanda Paul

“ My name is Amanda; Joan was my mentor and a dear friend. Joan saw my potential as a struggling educator who had so much more to offer she invested in me. She made me feel good about myself. I enjoyed our time we spent together because no matter how busy she was or how many people were part of her world she had a way of ensuring I knew I was special. My work with Joan was not yet finished however her legacy and commitment inspires me and gives me added motivation to continue to strive for more. In loving memory of a dear friend. God Bless you Joan.

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**Amanda Paul** - November 22, 2014 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ Dear Susan and Judy, I will long remember cousin Judy as a heartwarming friendly relation, one who was always ready to lend a helping hand. I will miss her frequent phone calls and updates on her life and family. Her touch cast a wide net, her love for others was even wider. Rest in Peace Cousin.  
Jim Hartley

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**Jim Hartley** - November 22, 2014 at 09:15 AM

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**Brenda** - November 21, 2014 at 09:11 PM

BB

“ *Joan was a unique individual who made all our family feel welcome and special - she went out of her way to make our father / grandfather enjoy life through the ups and downs. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

*Brenda & Hugh Boyd*

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**Brenda & Hugh Boyd** - November 21, 2014 at 09:08 PM

JB

“ *My dear sister: lucky me to have been born into the same family as you! Thank you for being my big sister & my best friend. I will carry you in my heart forever. Judy*

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**Judy Breckles** - November 19, 2014 at 08:54 PM



“ *Joan had such a gift for bringing a smile to the face of so many. She had a heart of gold and wanted to help everyone she meet. I am so grateful for the tremendous impact she had on my life. She was a second Mom to me and is dearly missed.*

*Shawn and Christine Shepheard*

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**Shawn Shepheard** - November 18, 2014 at 07:55 PM

MG

“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Mrs. Walker's passing. She was my grade two teacher 34 years ago, and later my guidance counsellor. She was a support to me through my parents divorce. I have told my children many stories of her as a teacher. I will always have fond memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.*

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**Manouri Dissanayake Giesen** - November 18, 2014 at 07:53 PM

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“ *“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”. -Maya Angelou*

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**sue** - November 18, 2014 at 04:29 PM

GS

*100% true and we always left Joan's presence feeling better than when we came.. What a gift she had for bringing sunshine. And what a loss for you and your family*

*Gerarda Schouten*

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**Gerarda Schouten** - November 25, 2014 at 03:40 PM