



## Johanna Mary Dowley (née Delahunty)

August 9, 2021

It is with great sadness and much love that the family of Johanna Dowley announce her passing on August 9, 2021 in Scarborough, Ontario at the age of 95.

Cherished Mother of Joan Cormier (Brian), John Dowley (Jeannine), Geraldine Dowley Foley (predeceased), Maura Kolesznk (John); Beloved Nan to Ryan Shears (Tanya), Laura Dowley (Jody), Sarah Bray (Mike), Charlotte Dowley (Wes) and loving Great Gran to Tyonna, Ryan Jr., Malcolm, Edie, Jack, Sean, Maggie, Brooklynn, Noah and Cora. Predeceased by former spouse Richard Dowley. She will be fondly remembered by her sisters Mary Haines (Frank), Phyllis Maunsell, brother Chris Delahunty and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was born in 1926 in Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland and was the second oldest of eleven siblings. She had a close and loving family and her fond memories of family and her beloved Ireland were never forgotten.

She emigrated to Canada in 1953 with her children Joan and John and joined her husband Richard Dowley in St. Thomas, Ontario. Shortly after they settled in Toronto and Geraldine and Maura were born. She worked as a Teaching Assistant for Kindergarten and Grade One students at Secord Elementary School. She flourished there for about 10 years until her retirement.

She was a charming, funny, affectionate, loving and empathetic soul. She loved her family and was so proud of her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Before she moved into her retirement residence, you would find her gardening in her beautiful, flower-filled backyard with her cats, Bailey and Kahlua, asleep in the shade of her Lilac tree. Her idea of heaven.

In her later years, she lived at Retirement Suites By The Lake. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff for providing such loving care, compassion and kindness.

We are also grateful to the wonderful friends she made there who brightened her days with laughter and conversation.

An intimate family and friends gathering will be held at a later date. If you wish to leave a message of condolence please visit [www.aftercare.org/tributes](http://www.aftercare.org/tributes)

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

# Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Johanna Mary Dowley (née Delahunty).



September 02, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to all our Dowley cousins, Joan's family at this very sad time. She will always be by your side. Hope she is having a great catch up with Joe. XXX  
Margot Delahunty Mullins, Carlow, Clonmel.

**Margot Delahunty** - August 22, 2021 at 04:21 AM



Thank you Margot. Hope she is as well. She spoke of him often xx ❤️

**Joan Cormier** - August 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM



Thanks Margot. Mom had always spoken very fondly of Joe.

**Maura Kolesnyk** - February 17, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ Sending all the family love and hugs from us all in England ❤️❤️

**Laura delahunty lockwood (great niece)** - August 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM



Thank you Laura xx❤️❤️

**Joan Cormier** - August 21, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mom please accept our deepest condolences to all the family at this very sad time  
From the Dowley family  
Carrick-on-Suir  
Co Tipperary

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**Caroline Waters** - August 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JC

Thank you so much Caroline ❤️❤️❤️

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**Joan Cormier** - August 21, 2021 at 01:44 PM

PA

“ Our sincere condolences to Joan, John, Maura and all the extended Dowley families on the sad passing of your beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.  
We have lovely memories of her visits to our parents Liam and Ellen Delahunty RIP. We remember the great excitement and fun we had meeting our Canadian cousins. Aunty Joan was such a lady and we are so sorry for your loss. May her gentle soul rest in peace with her loved ones.

*"Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear".  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
God bless you.*

*Michael and Patricia Arrigan ( née Delahunty).  
Clonmel,  
County Tipperary,  
Eire.*

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**Patricia Arrigan** - August 21, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JC

*Thank you Patricia. Such a lovely poem. ❤️❤️❤️*

Joan Cormier - August 21, 2021 at 01:41 PM

AL

*Sincere condolences to the dowley family on the sad passing of auntie Joan , thinking of you all at this sad time , may Joan RIP from her niece anne delahunty larkin & family, kilsheelan, clonmel co Tipperary 🌹💕💕*

anne delahunty larkin - August 26, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JC

*Thank you Anne. We appreciate your kind words ❤️❤️❤️*

Joan Cormier - September 05, 2021 at 09:54 PM

JC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Joan Cormier - August 20, 2021 at 06:19 PM

CD

“ Dear Joan & all the family,  
Sincere condolences on the passing of your Mam.  
Auntie Joan was a beautiful lady and I have lovely memories of her  
when she came home to visit my Dad Liam.  
Sending you all love and prayers at this difficult time.  
May she rest in peace.  
Love from, Caroline Delahunty and family, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary,  
Eire.

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**Caroline Delahunty** - August 20, 2021 at 05:39 PM

JC

Caroline, thank you for thinking of us. She loved visiting your Dad and family xx ❤️

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**Joan Cormier** - August 21, 2021 at 12:11 PM

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“ I have lovely memories of my aunt Joan visiting us here in Clonmel,  
we would have the clan gathering and all the old stories and  
memories told, condolences to you all, she will be missed 💕 lots of  
love, Toni and family

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**Toni English (niece)** - August 20, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JC

She loved those visits as we all did. Uncle Liam was such a great story teller and knew his history. Thank you Toni and love to you and your family ❤️

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**Joan Cormier** - August 21, 2021 at 11:51 AM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Patricia Arrigan - August 20, 2021 at 04:12 PM

MK

(left to right) Liam (brother) Johanna (Mom)sister, Michael (brother), Phyllis (sister), Joe (brother)

Maura Kolesnyk - February 17, 2022 at 01:23 PM



Just shared this photo with my grandmother(Mary Delahunty) of her siblings. ❤️ Thank you for posting.

Madison Pichey - May 28, 2022 at 01:46 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Toni English (niece) - August 20, 2021 at 02:02 PM

GH

“ *Joan, it is with great sadness to learn of the loss of your dear mom.*

*Sending heartfelt sympathies and condolences to you and all your family.*

*The world has lost a beautiful caring & the most kind soul that God has ever created. As you know she always greeted my sister Vicky and I with open arms with her welcoming smile and made us feel as one of her daughters.*

*She will be sorely missed by so many because of her affectionate, amiable kind, and gentle spirit.*

*Thinking of you and your family during this sad time. Take care of yourself. Love Grace & Keith Harris. xoxoxo*

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**Grace Harris** - August 20, 2021 at 07:23 AM

JC

*Thank you for your lovely words Grace. Missing her so much xox xox*

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**Joan Cormier** - August 20, 2021 at 12:22 PM

PA

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God bless you.  
Michael and Pam Arrigan(nee Delahunty).  
Clonmel.  
County Tipperary.  
Ireland.*

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**Patricia Arrigan** - August 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Joan Cormier** - August 19, 2021 at 11:18 PM

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“ 41 files added to the tribute wall



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**Joan Cormier** - August 19, 2021 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ *Joan Cormier sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Johanna Mary Dowley (née Delahunty)*



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**Joan Cormier** - August 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM

AC

“ Dear Joan and all the Family,

*Our sincere condolences on the passing of your dear Mum. May she rest in peace. I hope the following verse from 'Togetherness' will comfort you and all the Family at this difficult time;-*

*"Death is nothing at all - I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we shared together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same that it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before - only better, infinitely happier and forever - we will all be one together with Christ'*

*My brother, Alan, and I have such fond memories of your Mum, Dad and Geraldine in Toronto during our trip to Canada, with our dear Dad some years ago. We always looked forward to their visits to Carrick-on-Suir. May they all rest in peace. They are greatly loved and so sadly missed. . Take care of yourselves.*

*Love,  
Anna, Liam and Alan, Tybroughney, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary,  
Ireland.*

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**Anna Curran** - August 19, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JC

*Anna, thank you so much for your condolences and for the beautiful verse. I almost posted it myself so am happy you did.  
Thank you for keeping in touch and our best to you, Liam and Alan  
Love, Joan, Brian & Family*

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**Joan Cormier** - August 19, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JC

*“ Dear Mom, saying goodbye to you is the hardest thing I have ever done. I spoke to you the night before you died and we laughed together, as always. We ended our conversation with our mutual “I love you, sweet dreams, talk tomorrow”. Tomorrow came for me but not for you.*

*I couldn't believe it when I got the call. I knew the day would come but wasn't ready for it yet. My heart was filled with sadness, pain and immense love for you, my Mom.*

*You will always be with me and live in my heart forever.*

*Rest In Peace Mom xox xox *

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**Joan Cormier** - August 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM