



## Mrs. Katharina Tolnai (nee Schilling)

December 8, 2013

Passed away peacefully at Strathaven Nursing Home on Dec 8, 2013 in Bowmanville. She was 92. She was born in Nagyszeleky, Hungary Sept 25, 1921. She married (Janos) John Tolnai January 3, 1939 and had a daughter Katherine Oct 11, 1939. They had to flee their home country of Hungary with other family members and arrived in Canada Aug 4, 1951 at the port of Halifax. They had to work hard to rebuild their life here after having everything taken from them during the war in Hungary. While in Canada she worked in a factory and ran a small restaurant. She was an avid gardener, it was one of her favorite pastimes, and they always had flower garden and the backyard full of vegetables. She was always caring, willing to help out, and her family was always most important. She was feisty and was not afraid to tell it the way it was whether you liked it or not. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Katharina is survived by grandson Peter(Cindy), granddaughters Sandra (Trevor), Susan (Ryszard), great grandchildren Rachael, Braeden, Phillip, Jordan, Athena, Dahlia and great great grandchildren Theron, Ayslyn. She wished no funeral service, but wanted to be buried in Mississauga beside her husband at the St James Cemetery Dixie.

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.  
Legacy of Love – By Author Unknown