



## Kathleen (Kay) Leonard

June 11, 2016

Kay Leonard was a remarkable woman. Born and raised in England, as a young woman, she was part of the celebrated Butlins 8 team, and travelled the U.K. entertaining others. She served in the WAAF during the war, and met her husband, (Harry Leonard, deceased), who adored her, in Germany after the war. Kay and Harry emigrated to Canada in 1950, and made a wonderful life together, enjoying an extensive circle of friends. Kay was an athlete all her life, and tennis was her passion, playing until age 85. She was an intrepid traveller until almost 90, visiting destinations all over the world, and leaving few stones unturned. Her garden was her pride and joy, and she did all of the yard work herself well into her 90's. Kay swam in her pool every day in the summer, and went to exercise classes in the winter. The best day for Mum was a visit and swim in the pool with the whole family. Mum was Nana to everyone, and admired by all who met her. She leaves a little of herself in all of us, especially her grandkids. Heather shares a love of travel adventures; Sarah inherited a love of performance arts; Emily has Nana's independence and wit. Mum's talent for painting and all things creative showed up in Katie, and James shares her natural athleticism.

Kay recovered from broken hip surgery incredibly well last fall, then recently, gracefully declined. Kay was admitted to the Palliative Care Unit at Southlake Regional on Friday June 10th . After a lovely visit with daughters Bev and Kath, Kay slipped quietly and peacefully away on Saturday June 11th. The family prefers to celebrate Kay's life privately. We are all so proud of her, and

grateful for the amazing woman, mother and nana she was.

If a donation is your way of remembering, Kay's favourite charity was the Salvation Army.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences Bev and Kath for your loss. I have fond memories of Auntie Kay as well as the family get togethers of the Wildes and Leonards. I remember your mom's fabulous dessert jello parfaits. I am sorry to have lost touch.*



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**Louise Abergel (Wilde)** - October 22, 2020 at 01:10 PM

DC

“ *Hi Kath and Bev and Families,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I remember her ventures into car repair, upholstery and even renovating the basement into the tropical paradise while your Dad was away. Fun at our pools as well.*

*Please accept our condolences.*

*Love,  
Debi and Ross Campbell*

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**Deborah Campbell** - June 29, 2016 at 05:47 PM

PT

“ Hi Kath, Bev and John,

*I remember your mom as really elegant, athletic and with strong opinions. She was very likeable and I always enjoyed being with both your mom and dad.*

*Also, a lovely picture of her.*

*Alas we all must go, "promoted to glory" but it sounds as though she lived a very good life til near the end and that is a blessing.*

*My condolences to all of you.*

*Fondly, Paulette Touby*

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**paulette Touby** - June 21, 2016 at 01:20 PM

KA

*How kind of you to take the time, Paulette, to remember Mum after so many years. Not all memories are there at the ready, and it seeing messages from old friends that reminds us of so many good times.*

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**Kath** - June 26, 2016 at 05:17 PM

DD

“ Bev & Kath

*I have fond memories of a trip to Florida digging for coquina shell and the Tikki Gardens. Weekend spent with your family at "The Club" and all our parents wild trip and crazy parties. She had a fabulous life and will be missed.*

*Take Care Diane Dawson*

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**Diane Dawson** - June 20, 2016 at 06:42 AM

BM

*Thank you, Diane, for remembering all those good times. It was nice that our parents could have as much fun as the kids (us).*

*Bev*

Bev McQueston - June 20, 2016 at 04:57 PM

LT

“ *Lori Tomaino-Pivato lit a candle in memory of Kathleen (Kay) Leonard*



Lori Tomaino-Pivato - June 18, 2016 at 12:13 PM

LF

“ *Mrs. Leonard you were truly a gem! I was honored to call you, not only my neighbour but my Friend. I shall treasure my memories of our chats, and stories, and especially of our laughs together. You will be greatly missed and I will think of you often as I look out my window and smile and see your flowers blooming!  
To Kath and Bev and family please accept our most sincerest condolences.*

Lori Tomaino-Pivato & Family - June 18, 2016 at 12:10 PM

KL

*Having you as a friend across the road meant a great deal to Mum, and she often spoke of your visits with great affection. Bev and I always appreciated your watchful eye. Thank you Lori.  
Kath*

Kathleen Leonard - June 19, 2016 at 07:01 AM

BM

*Thank you Lori. You were a wonderful neighbour and friend to my Mother. I know you were always looking out for her and that meant a lot to all of us. She always enjoyed your company and knew she could count on you.*

*Bev*

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**Bev McQuestion** - June 19, 2016 at 07:27 AM

CM

*“ Although she had a remarkable and full life, she will surely be missed by all the family. Bill and I are so sorry to read of your mothers passing Kathleen, but your memories of her will always be there. My sincerest and deepest condolences to you. Carolyn Markle*

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**carolyn markle** - June 17, 2016 at 11:48 AM

KA

*After much passage of time Carolyn and Bill, it is so very kind of you to leave such a lovely message. John and I, and our family, are grateful.*

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**Kath** - June 17, 2016 at 01:15 PM

JD

*“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I can still remember that little car she used to drive. Loved it!!!*

*Judy D'Elia (nee Waters)*

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**Judy D'Elia** - June 17, 2016 at 09:33 AM

KA

*Judy, that is a wonderful memory. And mum used to do her own body work on that car. Remarkable! Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Kath** - June 17, 2016 at 01:07 PM

JD

*Bev used to call it the "oh oh" car.*

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**Judy D'Elia** - June 19, 2016 at 06:59 AM

BM

*Thank you Judy for your kind message and the memories. Remember we even had a name for that car: The "oh-oh car".*

*Bev*

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**Bev McQuestion** - June 19, 2016 at 07:03 AM

ER

*“ Kay was a remarkable lady and inspiration to me, a woman after my own heart, active and involved in sports to the end... and of course gardening. I thoroughly enjoyed her visits inspecting my garden and our times visiting both Harry and Kay at their home. She will be missed but not forgotten*

*Love Eric xx*

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**Eric** - June 17, 2016 at 07:58 AM

KA

*Yes, mum really did look forward to your garden walkabouts. You are one of the few who could discuss on her level. Lovely reminder Eric, thank you.*

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**Kath** - June 17, 2016 at 01:09 PM

JP

“ Since hearing of Kay's passing i've been remembering my times with Kay and you guys Kath over the years. I feel sad yet grateful to have had many good times with Kay and Harry. I will remember them both with great affection in my heart

*I admire Kay's independence and 'get on with it' attitude and her no nonsense way of being. It clearly served her well given her age at passing. She had a long and full life and touched mine for which i'm thankful.*

*Much love to you all.*

*Janet xx*

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**Janet Percival** - June 17, 2016 at 07:31 AM

KA

*As a fellow Brit, you shared a special place in both Mum and Dad's heart. Thank you. Kath*

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**Kath** - June 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM