



Maria Elisabeth Opoka

October 16, 2024

Maria was born in Germany on September 13, 1932, and passed away on October 16, 2024, in her own home as was her wish.

Maria is survived by her 2 children - Ronald & Caroline (predeceased by her daughter, Christine), and her 3 grandchildren – Hayley, Brooke, and Cadence. She was always so proud of all of us!

She was our beautiful mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend & an inspiration to many. Maria grew up in a large family of 12 brothers and sisters in Germany and made the brave move to immigrate to Canada in the early 1950's.

She had just turned 92 in September! A good, long life filled with love, adventure, and many challenges.

She danced many times a week for as long as she could and was an avid bridge player. She loved travel and went to many places in her lifetime. She loved her family and always made visits with her granddaughters memorable and special. She loved a celebration! She loved her independence! She was still driving a car at age 90!

In her later years, dementia took its toll—a difficult and cruel journey for anyone. Yet, Maria remained resilient, finding joy in life's small details. She

cherished simple pleasures, like walking through the park and stopping to feed the squirrels, always appreciating the beauty in nature's little moments.

So many people admired Maria! It's hard to describe a person so special in so few words. She lived life on her own terms, was independent, and adventuress long before it was in vogue for women! Her legacy will live on with all the memories and life gifts she passed on to those she left behind.

There will be no immediate service for Maria. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date. Maria would not have requested donations, rather she would say "Save your money and spend it on yourself!".

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“ A lovely Christmas with laughs and love!



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