



Marianne Jean Bride

July 2, 2023

Marianne was born on the 20th of May 1934 in the hospital in Walkerton, Ontario. Her parents were Edna Somerville Butchart and Harold Lawson Doig. Their farm was located just outside Fordwich, Ontario. Marianne was raised there with her older brother Edward (b. 16 June 1930 – d. 25 November 2022). She attended schools in Fordwich and Listowel. Teaching was her profession of choice. She attended Normal School in Kitchener and had her first teaching job in Scarborough.

The love of her life was Harvey (b. 03/02/1930 – d. 09/08/2019), four years her senior. Harvey was raised on another farm outside Fordwich. From all accounts they were each other's one and only. Married on April 20th 1957 they moved to Toronto where Harvey took a teaching position at R.H. King Collegiate. Their son Peter was born in June of 1958. Daughter Miriam was born in October of 1968. Granddaughter Emily was born in November of 1993.

Harvey taught high school French in the Scarborough educational system in Toronto. He enjoyed a truly productive and rewarding career as a well-respected and well-loved teacher. He retired in 1988. Marianne returned to work for several years after that as a teaching assistant also in the Scarborough system. From 1993 onward they enjoyed a wonderful retirement. They were very active members of Bethesda United Church. Bethesda

merged its congregation with two others to form Jubilee United Church in 2001. Marianne and Harvey were stalwarts of both congregations. Marianne attended her last service on May 27th of this year. She attended all subsequent virtual services through June 25th.

Marianne received the sad news of her terminal diagnosis mid-October of 2022. She was given three to six months to live. Never one to give in easily she was a model patient. She fought the disease with discipline and determination. As was her wish, she passed peacefully at home with great dignity and serenity surrounded by loved ones. Not surprisingly it was on a Sunday and just after church. She leaves her granddaughter Emily, daughter Miriam, son Peter and sister-in-law Joyce Doig of Atlanta. Sisters-in-law Merle McIntosh and Rosada Bride and their families are much appreciated. Marianne enjoyed good, positive relationships with each and every one of you.

The family would like to extend our special thanks to her principal personal support worker Jesabel and her cousin Zenaida, dear friend Elda Scott and the Reverend Norm Seli. All of the excellent home care would not have been possible without her palliative care doctor, Sandy Buchman. He was her champion from the day they met. Under his supervision she had an unbroken boulevard of excellent therapists, a first class nurse practitioner (Dusanka) and the talents of superb support staff and clinicians at North York General Hospital. Marianne always liked to attend her appointments at the hospital. She was able to do so until two weeks before she passed. Recent visits from Dr. Buchman at home were unhurried and a huge comfort to her. Our sincere thanks to all the relatives, friends and neighbours who made time to call, write and visit in person during the last few months.

Any donations in her name would be appreciated and well deserved:

<https://www.nygh.on.ca/FreemanCentre>

<https://www.jubileeunited.ca/>

Please share your memories of Marianne with us

..... We would love to hear from you!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND LUNCH

Saturday September 16th 2023 from 10:30 am

Service at 11:00 am with lunch to follow

Jubilee United Church - Reverend Norm Seli

40 Underhill Drive

Toronto Ontario M3A 2J5

Please RSVP to

marianneandharvey@gmail.com

or call Peter @ 647-780-8800

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **16** (ET)

Jubilee United Church
40 Underhill Drive
Toronto, ON M3A 2J5 (CA)

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I'm just reading of her passing now and have very fond memories of her. They were so kind to my mother Pauline Richards who lives next door to Edna. They always visited her at the fordwich nursing home and sent her cards. Truly a peach ❤️

carol shaw - April 24, 2025 at 05:23 PM

IU

“ My dear sweet friend! This is the first time that I have heard of your passing. From the first time that we met 31 years ago, you were always to me and someone in whom I could confide. I will miss you.

Irmgard Upmanis - December 02, 2023 at 05:57 PM

RH

“ To Marianne's Family,
We were sorry to learn of Marianne's passing. She was my second cousin in the Doig connection. She will be missed. With sincere sympathy.
Ron & Shirley Higgins
Stratford ON

Ron & Shirley Higgins - September 15, 2023 at 12:42 PM

 Kari
Foster

“ Mrs Bride was such a lovely lady and a kind friend. We were very sorry to hear this news. Sincere condolences from Randy Egerton and his sister Kari.

Kari Foster - July 14, 2023 at 09:17 PM

BF

“ Harvey and I were both members of the original teaching staff at David and Mary Thomson Collegiate Institute in Scarborough in 1959. We were both language teachers, Harvey as Head of Modern Languages and I as a member and then Head of the Classics Department. I had the highest respect for Harvey, who was six years older than I was. But when I met Marianne, I understood better the source of Harvey's strength and genuine concern for others. I also got to meet Peter, who headed up the landscaping firm who worked on the exterior property at our home. My wife and I were able to keep in touch through school reunions and annual invitations to events at Bethesda/Jubilee. We will miss Joanne. We send our condolences to all the family members and also to the many students whom our two families got to meet over the years.

Stan and Barb Farrow

Barb and Stan Farrow - July 09, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BO

“ My deepest condolences to the Bride family. Marianne was the most wonderful lady. When I imagine Bethesda, she and Harvey are there. When I imagine Jubilee, she is there. She was truly a blessing, and will be missed deeply.

Barbara O'Brien (one of the Hrutkas)

BO - July 09, 2023 at 10:41 AM

ES

“ Sending my sincere sympathy to Marianne's family. I give thanks for her life of service and love. One of Marianne's gifts was that she treated everyone with respect, she made time for each person she met. We worked on vacation bible school together where she was a guiding light, quietly helping me. I loved her gentleness but also just under the surface was a fun loving woman. Little things mean a lot - Marianne and Harvey regularly sent me tickets to events at Jubilee after I'd moved on -quietly telling me I wasn't forgotten - I will never forget their kindness and love for me. Rest in Peace Dear Friend.
Eileen Simons

Eileen Simons - July 09, 2023 at 08:22 AM

RG

“ My heart-felt condolences to the Bride family at the passing of their loved one, Marianne. A beautiful soul who captured the hearts of many with her gentle spirit, caring and compassion for others.

I first came to know Marianne while attending Sunday services at Jubilee United Church and later on, at various social gatherings and events held at the church. We had lovely chats together and she had this wonderful way about her that always made you feel welcome and special; She called me her Angel and I called her my "Shining Star."

I will truly miss her but take heart in the thought that somewhere up above her star will always be shining brightly.

Rosemarie Goodchild

Rosemarie Goodchild - July 05, 2023 at 10:34 PM

ST

“ I was so sorry to hear this news. What a remarkable woman Marianne was and what a wonderful life she led. She was always such a bright light in the lives of my own parents and so many others in the neighbourhood, in Bethesda and at Jubilee United.

I have a wonderful memory of Marianne knocking on the door of our home quite early on my mother's 90th birthday. She had flowers and said she was not coming in, just stopping by as she was heading out somewhere. What we hadn't realised was that she was 'casing the joint' to make sure we were out of bed and decent, because about 15 minutes later, the door bell rang again, and in burst a gang of ladies with balloons, cards, deely boppers, coffee cakes and special coffees to make a 90th birthday breakfast surprise party. Mom was thrilled to pieces. And your mother was clearly the instigator.

And that is how she always seemed to me. A twinkle in her eye, the soul of kindness and community, and about the best friend anyone could have wanted.

I know you'll miss her. But hope that the incredibly fine life she lived will bring a smile to your face when you think of her in the months and years to come.

Sally Thorne (one of the Slemons)

Sally Thorne - July 05, 2023 at 11:20 AM

TC

“ Words can not express how sad we are on the passing of Marianne! So many memories. The angels have taken a special angel! She always kept in touch with us and we always ❤️ would have great chats. She is an amazing member of our family and she will be missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

With so much love

Ed Roth

Tracy and family

Cory and family

Tracy Couto - July 04, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JF

“ Marianne always made every person in her presence feel heard, special and cared for. She always took the time to send my son and my nieces cards for Christmas and Valentine's day. And we always appreciated her creative ways to engage the young ones. She is hands down one of the sweetest and kindest people I've ever known. Her warmth and generous spirit will be greatly missed. We will remember her foundly and always keep her in our hearts. With love Joanna, Joao and Leo Furtado

Joanna Furtado - July 04, 2023 at 09:46 AM

SU

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. They were a very warm and loving couple. Mr. Bride taught my sister , Linda in high school and we have kept in touch all these years. We had a lovely lunch with them and Emily in Bowmanville seven years ago when my sister was home from Germany. We will keep them in our hearts. Again, so sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman.

Sandy Upton - July 04, 2023 at 08:57 AM

LO

I was so sad to hear of Marianne's passing. Her husband was my French and form teacher when I started high school. We always kept in touch and I looked forward to hearing their news every Christmas. I live in Germany now, but whenever I was back in Canada we visited. My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Linda Offenburger

Linda Offenburger - July 05, 2023 at 04:18 PM