



Marjorie McNeil (Walker)

November 22, 2023

MCNEIL, Marjorie Irene (Walker), born October 29, 1944, passed away peacefully on November 22, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario. Marjorie was the much loved mother of Alison McNeil (Andrew Oldridge) and Sarah McNeil. Grandma to Cate and Grace Oldridge. Predeceased by son Bradley McNeil, and sister Anne Louise Harrison. Survived by sister Kathleen Farr and nieces and nephews.

Marjorie will be remembered for her fun-loving and friendly nature. She enjoyed and accepted all types of people and experiences. She was always up for a gathering with friends, whether it was for a coffee (or 5 coffees), dinner, a movie, shopping, or going to the Y for 'aquafit' (i.e. read the paper). Marjorie's happiest memories were made with friends and family at Bruce Beach. She will be remembered sitting on the porch of the cottage enjoying the sunset over Lake Huron and can be quoted as saying "I do my best relaxing at the cottage".

Marjorie's kindness and generosity were evident to all who knew her. She volunteered her time supporting people with disabilities through Special Olympics Ontario and Civitan International for over 30 years. Marjorie was a Social Worker retiring from the London Children's Aid Society. She had a strong sense of compassion for life's challenges, often putting others needs before her own.

We will remember Marj's funny sayings for all of life's experiences ("Marjisms") and we will continue to use her quirky phrases in her honour to bring

lightness to any situation. Please share an act of kindness in memory of Marjorie and we know her character and spirit will live on in your memories. Our family would like to thank the staff at Chester Village Long Term Care Home in Toronto for their care over the past 4 years. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made on Marjorie's behalf to Special Olympics Ontario (<http://www.specialolympicsontario.com/>) or to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada (<https://alzheimer.ca/>).

Tribute Wall

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“ We enjoyed many good times with Marj over the years and liked her friendly and lively personality. We will keep her always in our good memories, rest in peace and love to all the family!
Tim & Sara Harrison

Tim & Sara Harrison - December 09, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JC

“ Wow - so many great memories of Marj; where to start? I grew up alongside Sarah, Allison, and Brad in Edmonton in the 1980's and was blessed to have Marj as a sort of "aunt" I suppose you'd say.

I still giggle as I use "a hoot and a holler" to describe a fun event, and warmly recall hearing only Marj use that unique turn of phrase. Also, I used to babysit for Marj (and Gary) once in awhile and she was always generous with her time, telling me stories of her youth. In particular I remember details of her backpacking trip through Europe which emboldened me to take my own trip through Australia and New Zealand, years later, in part due to her inspiration. Likewise, I recall her sharing wisdom about investing that still rings as true today, as it did back then. Finally, she actually took me out in her car and helped me learn to drive - a light blue, faux-wood panel station wagon if memory serves!

So, as you can see, she touched my life in ways she maybe never knew and I am forever thankful for that. As an adult, now, my regret is that I never reached out and thanked her personally once I grew to appreciate how she had affected the trajectory of my life.

I hope she is in a better place, now, cooking liver and onions and enjoying smoking her pipe. :)

Jared Chouinard - December 06, 2023 at 09:12 PM

MH

“ Sarah: I've got such great memories from your Mom. Including her shopping trip reveals, our many sleep overs and get togethers at your house. She was fun and upbeat, kind and loving. We will miss all of her stories and Marjisms:) xo much love to you and you sister

Monika Haigh - December 06, 2023 at 08:22 PM

KL

“ Thinking of you in these difficult times.
Kelly and Todd Lyon

Kelly Lyon - December 06, 2023 at 12:53 PM

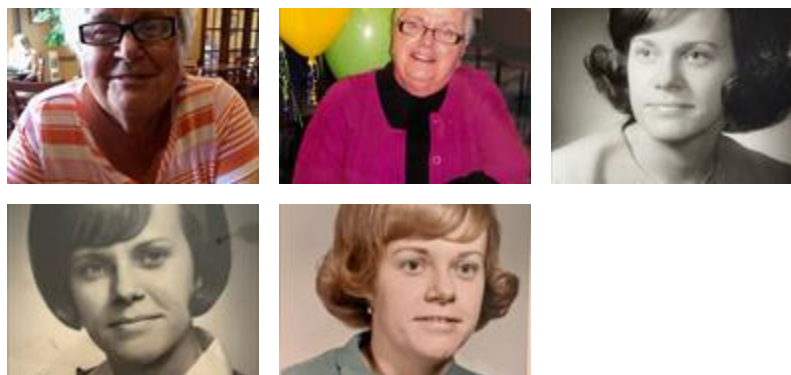
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“ My sincere condolences to family. It was always a joy to work along side Marjorie at London CAS. I enjoyed many friendly and humorous chats as well. RIP Marjorie 🙏 Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor - December 06, 2023 at 11:29 AM

SM

“ 5 files added to the album Marjorie McNeil



Sarah McNeil - December 06, 2023 at 11:05 AM

GW

“ I volunteered with Marj for many years with the fundraising team with Special Olympics in London. Marj always was a hoot to work with and we shared many laughs while running an event. She always had an interest in people. Sincere condolences to your family.

Grant Wren - December 06, 2023 at 10:36 AM

 Terry West

“ Marjorie and I first came to know one another when we worked at CAS London, in the adoption department in 1969. We remained friends ever after including when she moved to Alberta. She then came back to London CAS in the 1980's and worked diligently with foster parents. Always open for a chat! Always remembered. Terry West (retired)

Terry West - December 06, 2023 at 07:29 AM