



## Mary Anne Fitzsimmons

November 21, 2021

FITZSIMMONS, Mary Anne, 91 years of age, passed peacefully on Sunday, November 21, 2021 with her family by her side. She is now at peace with her Lord and Saviour.

Mary will always be missed and cherished by children John Fitzsimmons (Sandy), Carol Geller (Simon), Kathy Corbin (Kevin), and Ron Fitzsimmons (Lisa). She will remain in the hearts of her 11 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Betty Kaczmarczyk and step-brother Steve Kaczmarczyk. Mary's nieces, nephews, and countless friends will fondly remember her for the love and kindness that she showed to all.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Lawrence (Bud) Fitzsimmons, her parents Stephen and Annie Kaczmarczyk, brothers Stan and Alec Kaczmarczyk, infant daughter Margaret Rose, and grandchild, Gregory.

Mary was a small-town girl from Cape Breton, NS. At a tender young age, she cared for her siblings when their mother passed away. Mary fell in love with Bud, who was in the Navy and later joined the RCAF, and so began the adventurous life of a military wife. She was a devoted wife, mother, family member, friend and employee who was valued and trusted. Her upbringing taught her that doing a good job and "doing it right" was important. Mary held a number of jobs but also volunteered for many hours with a variety of

charitable organizations, and always desired to bring comfort and joy to others. She would listen and provide words of comfort or encouragement to those in need. While a patient at the Royal Ottawa Hospital Tuberculosis Sanitorium, Mary's leadership and caring nature was recognized. She was asked to represent the patients at an event where she met Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Mary liked to relax by oceans, lakes or rivers, enjoyed playing Bingo, crocheting, and making creations with plastic canvas for friends and family. Her Christmas creations will keep her memory alive for many years to come. Mary's humour was delightful and she loved to bring a smile or chuckle to people around her by providing a little song, dance, joke or sayings derived from her down east roots. She had a quiet faith which was demonstrated through her care for others and respect for God. She cherished Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer, which was shared with her family before she passed on to heaven.

Cremation has taken place. No service has been scheduled at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Air Force Museum of Canada (Trenton Ontario), the Salvation Army or continue Mary's love simply by thanking someone with a Tim Horton or McDonald's gift card.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Trent Valley Lodge in Trenton for their love and care during her final few years and the staff of Applefest Lodge in Brighton for their care prior to that.

# Tribute Wall

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“ A beautiful picture of a lovely lady - Mary Fitzsimmons!  
I am Mary's American cousin. My mother, Mona Pasley Knipper,  
and Bud's mother, Molly (Sissy) Pasley Fitzsimmons were first  
cousins. My mother and I travelled to Canada many times to visit  
her cousins, and we would visit with Bud and Mary. Mary and I  
exchanged Christmas and sometimes Easter cards for many years.  
She always included a beautiful knitted cross which she made. I  
have several of them which I treasure. Mary was a sweet, gracious,  
warm and giving lady. I am sure she will be sadly missed by many.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,*

*Barbara Knipper Noval*

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**william and barbara noval** - December 07, 2021 at 06:13 PM

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“ Mary was one of my residents at Trent Valley Lodge, she was  
always so bright and bubbly. I miss her words of praise and her  
humorous nature. Gone but never forgotten.

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**Rhonda Talsma** - December 02, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ *Mary is my mother in law and she will be greatly missed.I could not have asked for a better one. A real treasure.*

*She blessed people everywhere she went.*

*She is at peace now with the Lord she loved.*

*My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved her. May the God of all comfort walk closely with you in this time of mourning*

*Kevin Corbin*

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**Kevin Corbin** - December 01, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Mary was my mother in law for 36 years. I have always known her to be a kind and gentle soul. She had a quiet demeanour. She was married to the love of her life, Bud, until his untimely passing in 2003. Everyone who met or knew Mary loved her. She has left an void in the family which can never be filled. She will be dearly missed by my husband, Ron, her youngest of four children, myself and her granddaughters Ashley, Victoria and grandson Brandon. Mary you will live forever in our hearts 💖 Lisa Fitzsimmons*

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**Lisa Fitzsimmons** - December 01, 2021 at 04:18 PM