



Mrs. Mary Jane Graham

March 27, 2017

Mary Jane Graham (née Bezona), aged 92, passed away peacefully and without pain on March 27, 2017 at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, four days after suffering a stroke. Born in Seattle, Washington, on August 11, 1924 to Mable and Walter Bezona, she moved from California in 1960 to raise her family in Bracebridge, Ontario, where for more than 30 years, she was co-owner with her husband, Doug, of the main-street store, Thatcher Studio. The couple moved to Toronto to be near their daughters eleven years ago.

Mary was a genuine, warm and open-hearted woman who inspired us with her optimism, strength, good humour and generous spirit. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her daughter Janet Graham, her daughter-in-law Rita Mascherin, her granddaughters Danielle Morgan (Shane Copegog) and Tara Morgan, and her beloved great-grandchildren, Alexis, Bryer, Rilyn and Amaya Morgan-Copegog, and Joey Kaller. She was predeceased by her daughter, Patty Morgan. She will also be deeply missed by her American nieces, Barbara Gillings and Sharon Laird, and their Seattle-area families, and by her best friend Wendy Beverley.

She just naturally saw the good in everyone, and she continually expressed an irresistible sense of wonder and an easy enjoyment of small pleasures. She simply loved working at Thatcher Studio and planting flowers, both in Bracebridge and later on her Toronto balcony. She took a particular delight in

spending time with her family – especially the great-grandchildren – and her later years were full of visits and family meals out. She will remain an uplifting presence in our lives and every spark of joy, laughter and love will remind us of her.

For those who wish to remember Mary, please plant flowers (particularly purple ones!). She would like that. Contact with the family can be made through JanuaryMaple@gmail.com.