



Mary Ellen Haines

March 5, 2026

Mary Ellen Haines passed away peacefully on Thursday March 5th, 2026, at Delmanor Elgin Mills – Memory Plus after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. Mary was in her 90th year.

Mary was predeceased by her loving husband Len and oldest daughter Lynne. Mary leaves behind her youngest daughter Leigh and her husband Dan and Lynne’s husband Nazim. As well, Mary was a loving and involved Granny to 6 amazing grandchildren: Lauren, Lucas, Mathias, Sam, Maya, and Maden. Mary also leaves behind her loving sister Anne Dewar, along with many nieces and nephews and many more great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mary was the first in her family to attend university and enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an elementary school teacher with the Toronto Board of Education starting in 1958 until she retired in 1992.

Mary was a very charitable person who never forgot her humble beginnings. She willingly donated her time and resources to many charities. She was an Elder and Choir Member at Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church and was heavily involved with all of the church’s special events like the Christmas Bazaar and the Robbie Burns Supper. She also spent countless hours in her retirement years volunteering at the Bluffs Food Bank every week and completing countless income tax returns for anyone who needed help.

Mary had a passion for travel and cruising was her favourite way to travel. She couldn't get enough of the trivia competitions on board the ship and continually impressed her grandchildren with all of the prizes that she won.

Mary always had a smile for anyone; friend or stranger and even in her declining years, her bright smile never faded.

Mary's family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff and caregivers at Delmanor Elgin Mills – Memory Plus. Their kindness, thoughtfulness and love was felt daily by Mary and she truly enjoyed her time there.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Bluffs Food Bank or Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church

Bluffs Food Bank - <https://bluffsfoodbank.com/ways-to-give/give-food/>

Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church, 35 Wood Glen Road, Toronto, Ontario, M1N 2V8. E-transfer: fallingbrookpc@gmail.com, security word - church. Message: Memorial Fund. Cheques can be written to: Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

The visitation and funeral will take place at Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 starting at 10:30 a.m. with the visitation, followed by the funeral at 11:30 a.m. Parking on the surrounding streets is advised as the church parking lot is very small.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ So sorry to hear about Mary.....a lovely lady who taught and coached me at Duke of Connaught. Much later on, we ended up teaching together at Earl Grey and we kept in touch on social media My condolences to the family. Linda Campbell (Pim)

Linda Campbell - March 10 at 09:30 PM

MD

“ As a new teacher, Mary took me under her wings in 1974. Since then we became friends and I have wonderful memories of times, events and travel with Mary.

Maria Devereux - March 09 at 06:43 PM

GB

Mary was the first to welcome me when I began work with the Toronto Board of Education. Her kindness and lasting friendship will remain with me always.
Gladys Bell

Gladys Bell - March 10 at 10:03 PM

DM

So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a straight shooter always advocating for her students...and caring for her colleagues...small in stature, Mary touched many of our lives !

Dennis Moffat - March 11 at 03:03 PM



“ Mary and I travelled the world together and every trip was a joy. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Linda Channing - March 09 at 12:03 PM