



## Nan Mary Agnes Whately (nee Snider)

September 5, 2023

Mary Agnes (Nan) Whately (née Snider) passed away peacefully in her 98th year on September 5, 2023 at Amica Peel Village in Brampton. She was predeceased by her loving husband Des (Desmond Elbridge Whately) and will be remembered forever by her dear sister Katherine (Wesley) Nivins. Nan was the cherished mother of Chris (Heather), Lyle (Joanne), Jan, Debby (Randy), Vicki (Art), “adopted” daughter Liz, grandmother of Conor (Hannah), Alex (Nate, Adam), Tyler, Emily (Elliott), Karen (Blair), great grandmother of Jackson, Wyatt, Ella, Penny, Aleksis and Zoé. Fondly remembered by Susan and Dennis, the Ahmadzai family and many nieces, nephews and friends. “Olive juice” to all. Nan grew up in Goderich, Ontario. Although hard of hearing from an early age, she learned to lip read and never let this disability hold her back. While working at her father’s dairy in Goderich, she captured the eye and heart of a dapper young Aerial Navigation instructor named Des, always claiming it was the extra scoop of ice cream that did it! After marrying, they lived in many places including Montreal, Toronto, RCAF Station Mont Apica, Ottawa, Trenton, Belleville, Winnipeg, and Goose Bay, Labrador. She was quite an athlete playing volleyball, curling, snowshoeing, skiing and she used to brag about being the best hockey goalie when all the boys had gone off to the war. The family took frequent camping holidays and she was better at backing up the trailer than anyone. Nan was known for her homemade muesli and bread, sewing ballet costumes, making barbie doll clothes, helping with girl guide cookies, her love of tulips and was an avid quilter. Nan always kept

a bottomless bowl of Werther's candies for everyone. Friends, neighbours, or kid's friends were welcomed into the home for a visit or a great meal making them feel part of a vibrant family. Nan called herself a "Domestic Engineer" expressing to the world the important role of being a mother, homemaker and family chauffeur! She knew how to live, how to love and how to make a person smile, and in general was just a fun person to spend time with. Nan was an amazing woman who touched the lives of so many. A special thank you to her "Amica family" who cared for her, and came to love her in the last 5 years of her life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to "Canadian Hearing Services" or a charity of your choice. A celebration of life will be held at North Bramalea United Church, 363 Howden Boulevard, Brampton, ON., L6S 4L6 on Monday, October 9th, 2023 between 12-4pm. Eulogy at 1pm. Her ashes will rest forever at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa beside those of her beloved Des.

<https://www.chs.ca/page/memory-gifts>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

North Bramalea United Church  
363 Howden Boulevard  
Brampton, ON L6S 4L6 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *CHANGE OF VENUE*  
*for Nan's Celebration of Life*  
*It will be at North Bramalea United Church*  
*363 Howden Blvd.*  
*Brampton, ON L6S 4L6*  
*Same date and time:*  
*Monday, October 9*  
*12 - 4*  
*Eulogy at 1*

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**Jan Maria Whately** - October 05, 2023 at 06:56 PM

LM

“ Dear Aunt Nan

*I have many happy memories of you and Uncle Des coming to visit Grandpa and Gramma Snider & Mom and my brother Brian & I. It was such a fun time visiting with my cousins and just the busyness of the activities! I will treasure those times forever! I was so proud of my cousins accomplishments thru out the years. Having a wonderful mother that you were, you were always introducing inventive ways to serve food and provide fun activities to entertain the family.*

*During the time I put together your 80th birthday memory book of your family pictures, I needed guidance from Vicki and Jan to provide me with special memories for you. It was a pleasure to be so closely connected to you.*

*You will be missed!*

*To all my cousins, Chris & Heather, Lyle & Joanne, Jan, Debbie & Randy, Vicki & Art, and all your children and grandchildren, I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Aunt Nan was one of a kind... she will always be remembered with love and respect!*

*Linda & John & family  
McTaggart (nee Scully)*

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**Linda McTaggart** - September 22, 2023 at 10:08 PM

JW

*Thanks, Linda. What a lovely tribute!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:44 PM

JW

“ The day my mother died I wrote in my journal, "A serious misfortune of my life has arrived." I suffered for more than one year after the passing away of my mother.

*But one night, in the highlands of Vietnam, I was sleeping in the hut in my hermitage. I dreamed of my mother. I saw myself sitting with her, and we were having a wonderful talk. She looked young and beautiful, her hair flowing down. It was so pleasant to sit there and talk to her as if she had never died.*

*When I woke up it was about two in the morning, and I felt very strongly that I had never lost my mother. The impression that my mother was still with me was very clear.*

*I understood then that the idea of having lost my mother was just an idea. It was obvious in that moment that my mother is always alive in me.*

*I opened the door and went outside. The entire hillside was bathed in moonlight. It was a hill covered with tea plants, and my hut was set behind the temple halfway up. Walking slowly in the moonlight through the rows of tea plants, I noticed my mother was still with me. She was the moonlight caressing me as she had done so often, very tender, very sweet... wonderful!*

*Each time my feet touched the earth I knew my mother was there with me. I knew this body was not mine but a living continuation of my mother and my father and my grandparents and great-grandparents. Of all my ancestors. Those feet that I saw as "my" feet were actually "our" feet. Together my mother and I were leaving footprints in the damp soil.*

*From that moment on, the idea that I had lost my mother no longer existed. All I had to do was look at the palm of my hand, feel the breeze on my face of the earth under my feet to remember that my mother is always with me, available at any time.*

*~ Thich Nhat Hanh*

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**Jan Whately** - September 17, 2023 at 11:32 AM

SS

“*Nan was a mentor and best friend to me. Other than my own mother, Nan has had the greatest influence on me. Nan and Des were truly welcoming and Nan always had time for people. She was a magician who could turn a tin of tomatoes into delicious spaghetti sauce and feed the masses. I sought Nan's guidance many times; she was adept at helping one weigh the pros and cons to reach a decision. Nan was a loving, kind and generous person who gave so much to others and was never judgemental. She loved life and kept her sense of humour throughout. What a privilege to have known Nan and to have spent time with her and Des and their wonderful family.*

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**Susan and Dennis Snider** - September 14, 2023 at 09:02 PM

JW

*Thanks Susan and Dennis. What a wonderful tribute!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:46 PM

MF

“*My condolences from a western first cousin. Such happy memories of my big cousin and the Snider family gatherings in the 1940's. Sympathy and love to you all, family and friends of a very special lady.*  
*Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Francis** - September 13, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JW

*Thank you, Marilyn!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:48 PM

SH

“ Jan, Vicky, Chris & family,

*I was so saddened to hear of Nan's passing. She held a special place in my heart and I will always remember her wit, kindness and her ready smile.*

*It was a pleasure knowing her and your family over the past 5 years. I will treasure my memories of Nan. She was such a great lady and our chats would always put a smile on my face.*

*My sincere condolences to all that were privileged to know her and I hope that the wonderful memories you shared with your beautiful mom will comfort you through your grief.*

*Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Susan Howard-Visani  
(Amica)*

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**Susan Howard-Visani** - September 13, 2023 at 01:58 PM

JW

*Susan - Thanks so much for posting this lovely tribute!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:45 PM

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**Aftercare Administrator** - September 13, 2023 at 09:55 AM

LS

“ Dear Chris and Heather, Lyle and Joanne, Jan, Debby and Randy, Vicki and Art, and Liz and families  
Brian and I, Krista and Shanan, and their families would like to extend our sincere sympathy in the heartbreaking loss of your Mom. Aunt Nan was always loving and welcoming to us. One of my earliest memories was of her introducing me to her Red River Cereal loaf, which I made for years. We still have the le Crusette cookware that Nan and Des gave us for a wedding present! (49 years and counting) It has been a connection/memory between us each time we use it.  
Just a couple weeks ago I came across the attached picture of Grandpa Snider, Nan, Grandma Snider, and Katherine. The love and care you showed your Mom is inspiring!  
Sending all our love to each of you.  
The Scully's



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**Lynn Scully** - September 12, 2023 at 04:19 PM

MM

“ Debby,

*Please accept my most sincere condolences to you, Randy and your family as you mourn the loss of your mother. My thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. I remember these words that have helped me cope with the loss of loved ones. Perhaps you may find them a source of comfort.*

*Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith. It is the price of love.*

*With deepest sympathies,*

*Mike*

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**Mike Murphy** - September 12, 2023 at 07:48 AM

JW

*Thanks, Mike!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:49 PM

JW

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Jan Whately** - September 12, 2023 at 03:30 AM

JW

“ *Jan Whately lit a candle in memory of Mary Whately (nee Snider)*



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**Jan Whately** - September 09, 2023 at 11:23 PM

LR

“ *Nan:*

*You were the most gracious and loving mother anyone could ask for and it was such an honour and privilege to be your "adopted" daughter. I cherish all the advise and support you have given me over my adult life. You will hold a special place in my heart forever. There are so many things that will keep your memory alive but the one I treaurer the most is the "premie" blanket you made for me in my favourite colour, purple. You will be missed by all whose lives you touched including all the fury ones who came to visit you at Amica, Roxy, Tam I & II, and Mitzy. And now, may you rest in peace.  
Olive Juice  
Liz & Mitzy ";" ";"*

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**Liz Rossnagel** - September 09, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JW

*Beautiful tribute, Liz. Thanks for posting!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 24, 2023 at 11:49 PM

JW

“ *If Tulips Grow in Heaven*

*If tulips grow in heaven Lord,  
then pick a bunch for me then  
place them in my mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek and  
hold her for awhile.*

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**Jan Whately** - September 08, 2023 at 05:41 PM

JW

“ *My Beautiful Mom - I will hold you in my heart forever!*

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**Jan Whately** - September 08, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JW

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**Jan Whately** - September 08, 2023 at 02:00 PM