



## Patricia Palmer

May 20, 2018

Patricia Barrington Palmer, WRNS  
December 26, 1922 - May 20, 2018

Pat died peacefully at home with her family holding her close, following a brief, terminal illness. She faced death with determination, courage and humour, having lived 95+ very full years. Pat was born in Irlam, England, daughter to Walter & Isabella Barrington and sister to Isobel. She worked as a medical secretary before proudly joining the WRNS, decoding enemy messages underground until she moved topside to serve as Lord Mountbatten's secretary. On her way to Ceylon (Sri Lanka), to serve in the Peace Corps in 1945, Pat met her heart throb, Godfrey, an officer on the Empress of Scotland. Godfrey asked Pat up to his cabin to listen to Frank Sinatra albums (you can't make this stuff up, people), igniting a love for the ages. They reunited in England, married in 1949 and with sons Miles and Guy, sailed to Canada in 1957, settling in Toronto. Godfrey became an investment manager and Pat tended to a growing family, as daughters Mirabel and Jill (aka Oops and Boo-boo) arrived, surprising everyone.

Pat had an easy laugh, dry wit and warm smile. Along with serving 25 years on the Belmont House Auxiliary, she loved reading, crosswords, history and tennis; during many a match at Dickie's Meadow in Caledon, her infamous cross-court zinger would skim the top of the net like lightning, leaving her

opponents agape. She played well into her 80s. Pat simply loved to feed people. Her soup pot creations were legendary and right through her final year she gave jars of her jam, lemon curd and mango chutney liberally and lovingly to friends, family, doctors, shopkeepers and the Renaissance Plaza concierges.

Predeceased by Godfrey, Pat leaves behind her children and their spouses: Miles & Eileen, Guy & Shirley, Mirabel & Gary, and Jill; grandchildren Nathan (& Sarah), Ben, Connor, Erin, Chloe, and Charlie, and great-grandson Harrison She is also fondly remembered by her family in England.

Our thanks to Drs. Camille Lemieux and Joshua Tepper for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dept. of Family & Community Medicine, Toronto General & Toronto Western Hospital Fdn., or to Wounded Warriors Canada are appreciated

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Pat's life on Saturday May 26, drop in noon - 4:00 p.m. Remarks at 1:00 p.m. At the Palmer-Elliotts', 6 Hyland Ave. Etobicoke. Food and drinks will be served. No need to dress in black. We'll be outside, weather permitting, so please wear shoes that will be comfortable on the grass. Parking: Hyland Ave. is very narrow. Best to park on surrounding streets: The Kingsway, McClinchy, Strath, Craik, Government, etc.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **26**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Palmer-Elliotts  
6 Hyland Avenue  
Toronto, ON M8X1P7 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *I am so so sad to hear of Pat's passing....we first met in Toronto just after they had arrived in Canada and from there on in we stayed in touch. We would chat endlessly on the phone and shared many laughs, along with what was going on in the world and especially UK!*

*So my love to all the family, and my very deepest sympathy, Julie Wurtele*

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**julie wurtele** - May 31, 2018 at 09:29 AM

JP

*Julie, I don't know if this will reach you - thank you so much for writing. Pat often spoke so fondly of you! She didn't feel well all winter and it turnout out to be leukemia. She declined quickly and thankfully didn't have to suffer for long. We miss her very much! Thank you for sending your love.*

*Fondly, Jill  
and Miles, Guy, Mirabel and family*

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**Jill Palmer** - June 06, 2018 at 02:13 PM

SU

“ *As a child of holocaust Survivors I would like express my thanks for her service in the Wrens . Selfless service during the war is greatly appreciated Rest In Peace . A grateful Canadian*

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**susan** - May 29, 2018 at 12:36 PM

JP

*Susan, how thoughtful and kind of you to reach out to our family in honour of our wonderful Mum, Pat. She was very proud of her work in the WRENS. My father also served in WWII in the British Merchant Marines. Thank you so much for expressing your gratitude - it is graciously accepted and most appreciated.*

*Best wishes  
Jill Palmer and family*

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**Jill Palmer** - June 06, 2018 at 02:16 PM

GC

“ *To the Palmer Family,*

*We are so saddened to hear of Pat's passing. What an extraordinary lady who lived such an adventurous and full life. Pat's sense of humour, kindness and that wonderful "tough Brit" character is what made her roll. Pat will be sorely missed but never forgotten.*

*Thoughts always,  
The Clifford Family.*

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**Glenn Clifford** - May 24, 2018 at 07:48 PM

JP

*Glenn, thanks to you and Jill for your kind thoughts and words. Pat truly enjoyed her times with you both! We miss her very much but are relieved that she didn't have to suffer for long. Our love and best wishes to you and family.*

*Jill and all*

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**Jill Palmer** - June 06, 2018 at 02:17 PM

PM

*To Pat's family:*

*We were thinking of Pat especially during the winter when we'd walk by the buildings where she stayed during a number of winters & am so pleased to find this site to add a few words. We were originally neighbours of Pat & Godfrey in Regency Tower, Ft. Lauderdale & enjoyed many times together there & after she moved to different buildings along the Galt. We particularly loved her lemon curd which she shared generously. Her enthusiasm & free spirit were infectious & we loved being with her.*

*Jennie & Len Elliot were in our church choir at St. Andrew's United In Sudbury & Pat told us that 1 of their "kids" is married to 1 of her "kids" & living in the area of Thunder Bay (if I recall correctly). I was so pleased that we learned of that connection.*

*Please know that we were very sorry to learn eventually of Pat's illness & passing. She will be sorely missed.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Pat Martin (Michael, deceased) & Jan (my sister) & Jim Hendry (London)*

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**Pat Martin** - May 29, 2019 at 03:07 PM