



## Phyllis Lorraine Brillinger

August 31, 2020

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LO

“ To the Vinge family,

*I was just told about Phyllis passing today, October 16th..I am sorry to hear the news. I know that you will all miss her so much, she was a incredible inspiration to everyone. she was always such a kind spirited person, no matter what happened in her life or to whom it happened.*

*She passed away on your George's birthday, for this i send my sympathy to George.*

*May you all cherish the memories, the love & the laughter that you were able to share for so many years. She is now at peace.*

*Love Lorna*

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**Lorna** - October 16, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ We were so saddened by Phyllis' passing. She was a dear friend, kind, loving, sincere.

*Phyllis and I have cried together and laughed together, on the phone and in person. Our times together were always special and we enjoyed every moment with her. We always found a reason to share a laugh and we ended every visit with a hug and "I love you." You will be dearly missed, our special friend.....we will cherish our memories and love you, always.*

*Marilyn and Joe*

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**Marilyn Hutchings** - September 22, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MM

“ I would like to send my condolences to Phyllis's family. I knew her through our both attending Cedar Dale church. She was the most caring and sincere person whose unwavering faith in her Lord and Saviour was always evident. I know that she is now resting in peace in the presence of her Lord that she served so well and may all who loved this beautiful lady take comfort in that.

*Marjorie McCabe*

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**marjorie mccabe** - September 10, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JC

“ So very sorry to hear of Phyllis's passing. She wa a wonderful friend. I met Phyllis while attending Cedar Dale church. She was always there to lend her many talents when needed. Her piano playing was wonderful and her knowledge of the Bible was unlimited. I will always remember when we got together at the Halibut House for fishand chip lunches. My deepest condolences to her family. God bless you Phyllis, I know he has his arms wrapped around you.....love alwaysJoan Coutts ❤️

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**Joan coutts** - September 10, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Donna Howe** - September 09, 2020 at 06:13 PM

DC

“ *Phyllis was the most wonderful caring person. She filled our church with music and kindness. She always helped out at Cedar Dale Church with our bazaars, baking for our lunches, knitting and her kindness and love always showed to others who needed a hug. She will be so missed. We now have another beautiful angel in heaven. Deepest sympathies to the family. Doreen Cooper*

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**Doreen Cooper** - September 09, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RH

“ I still remember the first time I met Phyllis, my mother-in-law to be, 21 years ago at the arrivals gate of the Calgary Airport. She hugged her daughter Liz, gave me a hello, and proceeded to tell us the most hilarious story of what happened on her flight. I knew right away that I had won the mother-in-law lottery.

The next years are filled with some of the best memories. She and I shared duties in the delivery room as Liz and I welcomed our first daughter Emily, and the days after, as she taught us how to make a baby chubby - she was exceptional at that - and got me into trouble with Liz for feeding her mother too much scotch!

She was always there for us when we went through life's ups and downs, dispensing sage advice to us from the eyes, ears and mind that had seen it all.

It was always a great time when we would visit her house, always a flurry of activity where we would meet people of all walks of life; she made lifelong friends wherever she went, whether they were on another province, or at the Wendy's down the street from her house.

I'll miss watching her and Liz fumble through the "JUMBLE" in the newspapers before the day started, hearing her ghost stories told to our daughters in her spookiest voice, learning her shocking Scrabble vocabulary, and the way she would cook for 30 people whenever the four of us would come to visit.

She taught us all that a little bit of caring time and attention can make another person's day, week or life, and the people who knew and loved her - and I know there are plenty out there - will carry on her goodwill.

My love and thoughts to all of her daughters, sons, grandchildren and friends who will be missing her like I will.

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Ryan Hanson - September 04, 2020 at 01:32 PM

 Karyne  
Whalen

“ We are saddened to hear of your mom's passing. My wife Mabel first met Phyllis when they both worked as medical secretaries at Wellesley Hospital in Toronto. They carpooled together and had good fun on the road. Phyllis became a dear friend and confidante of Mabel's. She gave a beautiful eulogy at Mabel's celebration of life in February. In fact, she was the star of the funeral and had everyone in stitches then in tears. To this day people still comment on her eulogy and how wonderful it was. And what a character she was. We celebrated birthdays together and sang at Phyllis's church and shared many memories of laughter and talks about God. We are grateful Phyllis had an open door policy and a fabulous listening ear to Mabel when she became ill with her dementia. A true friend and Christian example. Phyllis was feisty and strong with much wisdom and a loving and caring spirit toward others. She loved her family. My daughter Karyne and I felt led to visit her just before she went into hospital. We are grateful we had this time to briefly visit and pray with her. Our prayers and sympathies are with you. She is now chatting it up with Mabel and Jesus and is at peace. Love,  
Wyman and Karyne Whalen.



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**Karyne Whalen** - September 02, 2020 at 06:50 PM

EH

“ My memories of Mother are endless. I will think of her every day and miss hearing her voice, feeling her hugs, sharing stories, laughing, crying, and just being together. Mom taught me so much, and I will carry her memory with me forever. I love you, Mom. ❤️

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**Elizabeth Hanson** - September 01, 2020 at 11:45 PM

BS

*To all of Phyllis's family we offer our sincere condolences. She became a dear friend to our family and especially to my mother Jean Hoard who passed away in 2015. Phyllis was a beautiful woman of faith whose trust in God was so very evident that there were no sad days when she was around. She brought joy to everyone she met. I only found out yesterday so please know that we loved your mother dearly and thank you so much for sharing her with us. She will never be forgotten. Love Beverley Simard.*

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**Beverley Simard** - January 15, 2021 at 11:07 PM

RC

“ *First of all I want to send my deepest heartfelt condolences to all the family.*

*I know the deep loss you must feel and the big hole in your hearts.*

*But we all know what Phyllis would say. Keep on keeping on.*

*I was able to visit with Phyllis in Oshawa and have her visit in the county. A lunch out was always an adventure and full of fun and laughter. Phyllis I will miss our visits and conversations about Trump and the bible.*

*Keep on keeping on Phyllis.*

*Love*

*Bob*

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**Robert Chapman** - September 01, 2020 at 09:44 AM

TV

“ Today, the world seems lonelier. This morning, we said good-bye to the strongest, most inspirational woman I have ever known. Today we bid farewell to Mom. Anyone and everyone who was fortunate enough to have had their lives touched...to have been blessed...by knowing Mom will agree that she could bring light and smiles to the darkest of situations. Her ability to bring a smile to any face was unsurpassed. Anger, fear, and spite were powerless against Mom's unwavering, positive outlook on life. She didn't even have to try to make people happy because her attitude and outlook just made you smile. One of her greatest strengths was her determination. The motto that she both practiced and preached was, "keep on keepin' on". Although Mom was very humble when it came to the struggles and obstacles that she overcame in her own life, she would be the first to hand out praise to anyone she saw putting one foot in front of the other to keep moving forward, no matter what the world could throw at them. That is just how she lived her life. I recall a day some years ago when Mom and I went up to Algonquin Park for a day to check out one of the lookout hiking trails off the highway 60 corridor. It had been raining a lot and some of the trail was washed out and other parts were just extremely muddy. Add to that the fact that some of the trail was very rocky and the whole thing was a pretty steep climb. The bugs were terrible and swarming around us and about a quarter of the way in I finally said, "Mom, this is pretty bad, maybe we should go back and try somewhere different." Mom gave me that stern motherly look and replied, "No. I want to see the lookout, and I am going to see the lookout. We will keep going." She was just as uncomfortable as I was with the mud, the bugs and the uneven trail, but we kept going. When we reached the lookout at the top, the view was outstanding and we were both very pleased. Mom knew all along that the view would be amazing. Mom has always known that the summit is worth the climb, and she has held that attitude in every aspect of her life. Even in her final days, she was fearless, strong, prepared...and smiling. She was even cracking jokes about the afterlife that forced a smile, or even a laugh, when sadness could have easily taken over. It is no secret that Mom and I had very different views on after life and things like that. For years,

*we have been having friendly debates (always with a smile) about such things. If I caught her saying something even remotely negative, I would sarcastically say, "Now Mom, that's Satan talking, you know" To which she would sarcastically reply without missing a beat, "Spoken like a good Christian boy Timothy" and we would both laugh and laugh. Mom brought our little debates to an end just the other day. She said, " just to look up at the Moon and stars and I will be there, I will be with you." Leave it to Mom to come up with a compromise that we could both agree on! The Love Mom had for everybody, and the Love everybody had for Mom was unmistakable. She will be dearly missed by countless people. The next little while is going to be tough. It will be a steep climb and the trail will be uneven, but we must all hear Mom's words; "Keep on Keepin' On. One foot in front of the other and always keep moving forward." Thank you for the Unconditional Love, thank you for the smiles and laughs, and thank you for the wisdom. Good night and rest well Mom. I Love You*

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**Tim Vinge** - September 01, 2020 at 09:12 AM

PH

“Phyllis was my “Mom #2”, the kindest, sweetest, most welcoming lady ever.. first, through being best friends with her daughter Liz, and years later, as my future Mother in Law, with Tim. Whenever we’d visit, she was always flitting about, making sure everyone was ok, and had everything they needed. She loved everyone, no matter their background or circumstances, and those that had the pleasure of meeting her, instantly loved her back. She passed no judgment on anyone, always rooting for the underdog or someone down on their luck, with words of encouragement to press on. She just knew they could do it! She was incredibly strong. Such a doting and loving mother. She always had advice, and could share tears with me, but never left it on that note. She’d inevitably make me smile. And laugh, what a character she could be! She said we shared “ESP” together.. and I agree with that.. So, as I think of her at this moment, I feel her comfort and peace. And for that, I am thankful. I love you, Phyllis, my Mom #2, in so many ways. My heartfelt condolences to all family and friends.

Love, Paula

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Paula Hutchings - August 31, 2020 at 11:18 PM

LO

“Phyllis will be greatly miss by her friends. She loved our weekly Canasta card games each week here at my place. Phyllis was so looking forward to starting up our games after covid. unfortunately it did not happen. She was a very good player right on top of the game, we had many good times with her and many great laughs. I will keep your Mom , Grandmother in my prayers along with all her family members. God bless you all. sincerely Lillian O'Hare.

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Lillian O'Hare - August 31, 2020 at 09:12 PM

MM

“ I only knew Phyliss for a short time, but she made a huge impact on me. We became Trump buddies and I will really miss our talks about him. So sorry for your loss

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**Marion Matheson** - August 31, 2020 at 08:43 PM

CA

“ I am going to miss you like nobody on the planet I cant believe your gone coming from the same small town a tiny little fishing village my memories of you are awesome and will always be! momma#2 our little thing I will miss your energy and your smile you would brighten up any room no matter what. In my heart I know you are happy no matter where you are. This is really hard. I miss you already. Love you phyllis.

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**Chris Allingham** - August 31, 2020 at 06:14 PM