



Phyllis Genevieve Hill (nee Kokko)

June 10, 2018

It is with great sadness we advise that Phyllis died peacefully on Sunday, June 10 at Scarborough General Hospital at age 69. Phyllis had a sudden and severe cerebral hemorrhage June 2 and never regained consciousness. Phyllis is survived by her son Graeme Andrew Hill (Stephanie Flynn) of Victoria, BC, Graeme's father John Clark Hill of Scarborough, ON, brother Eric Gerard Kokko (Marion Joan née Earle) of Campbell River, BC, brother Gregory Lawrence Kokko of North York, ON, nephew Paul Kokko of Edmonton, AB, niece Anne Kokko of Yellowknife, NT; predeceased by mother Helen Loretta Kokko (née Moloney) and father Vilho "Vic" Andrew Kokko. Phyllis will be greatly missed by friends, colleagues and members of the Hill, Kokko and Moloney families. From an early age camping with her family Phyllis loved outdoor recreation, including canoeing, skiing, orienteering and horse riding. She was awarded the Gold Cord in Girl Guides and worked in Outdoor Education at the Sheldon Valley Centre. She was a graduate of York University and returned to York as an instructor in the Teacher Education Program. Phyllis had a long and distinguished career as an educator from Teacher to Superintendent of Schools in the East York and Toronto School Boards. She was a Vice-Principal and Principal at Cosburn Middle School, Valley Park Middle School and Bessborough Elementary and Middle School in Toronto. Phyllis enjoyed music, world travel, concerts and theatre and was an enthusiastic supporter of Toronto sports including The Blue Jays and Raptors. A funeral service will be held at Saint Martin's Church, 513 Ennis Road,

Ennismore, ON K0L1T0 on Saturday, June 23 at 10:00 A.M., with interment at the adjoining Saint Martin's Cemetery. Following the ceremony family and friends are invited to gather at Saint Martin's Parish Hall.

Dear friends, colleagues and family of Phyllis Hill:

A Celebration of Life for Phyllis will take place:

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Leaside Memorial Gardens Arena

William Lea Room

1073 Millwood Road (a block east of where Millwood becomes Laird Drive, south of Eglinton)

Toronto, ON M4G 1X6

416-421-4944

arena website: <https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/complex/789/index.html>

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Martin's Church
513 Ennis Road
Ennismore, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

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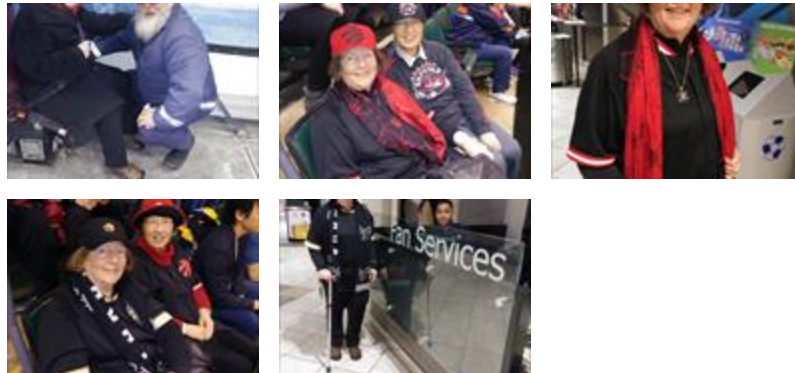
“ I am so very sorry to hear of Phyllis’ passing. Phyllis and I worked together on several committees and projects at Rouge Valley Health System and she was a truly valued contributor.

*Phyllis will be sadly missed by members of the healthcare community. My deepest condolences to Phyllis’ family and friends.
Kathy Gooding, former VP, Human Resources.*

kathy gooding - July 01, 2018 at 05:23 PM

AN

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Anne Ng - June 27, 2018 at 11:44 AM

RF

“ The community has lost a committed, kind and empathetic soul. As a healthcare advocate, Phyllis was exceptional in helping guide people to be better at what we do.

My condolences to her family.

Randy Filinski

Randy Filinski - June 26, 2018 at 05:16 AM

IA

“ On behalf of Phyllis' colleagues at the Toronto Supervisory Officials' Association (TSOA), please accept our sincerest condolences for your loss. Phyllis was a kind and caring educator as a teacher, a school administrator and system leader. She will be missed by her colleagues.

Ian Allison - June 25, 2018 at 06:04 PM

NB

“ I am so sad to hear this!!! Phyllis hired me as her head secretary at Valley Park and mentored me and guided me until I became a teacher! She was full of life and treated me as an equal. In fact, we were friends, and went to many Jays' games together, including a series in Detroit! I will never forget her playing basketball with the students and dancing in the staff number in the talent show. Thanks, Phyllis, for making this world a better place. My deepest condolences to her family.

Nancy Bordonaro

Nancy Bordonaro - June 22, 2018 at 01:10 PM

AN

“ Phyllis, I can never forget the two times you invited me to the Raptor's Game at the Air Canada Centre. Your fan spirit has captured me totally and I enjoyed both times with you tremendously.

Anne Ng

Anne Ng - June 22, 2018 at 07:44 AM

GW

“ *To Greg and extended family:
Our sympathies and condolences on the passing of Phyllis. May you be comforted by the knowledge that she made this world a better place for many people.
George Warecki and Family,
London, Ontario*

George Warecki - June 19, 2018 at 07:25 AM

TE

“ *This pains me immensely.*

Phyllis and Clark, together, were like a second set of parents to me in the 1980s, and their Cherry Street "back five" was a second home for a few years, as I finished High School, and on into university. She (well, they actually, for they truly were a team) took me under her wing, coached me in nordic skiing, orienteering, cooking, fine music, and travel. Some of my fondest memories growing up revolve around Christmas season celebrations on Cherry Street.

One of the most rational, logical thinkers I've known. Possibly even a little bit responsible for me being the High School Math teacher I am now.

To Graeme, Greg, Eric, and Clark, I am so sorry for your loss. Our loss. Love to all of you.

*Ted Buracas
Calgary*

Ted - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 PM

VS

“ My husband and I went to York with Phyllis in our undergrad days. She was always so much fun with a lot of sparkle and a great sense of humour. As happens we long ago fell out of touch. Recently I found myself wondering what had happened to to Phyllis and Clark. And now this. I have fond memories of her and we send our condolences. Valerie and Stewart Smith

Valerie Grant Smith - June 16, 2018 at 09:24 AM

LC

I worked with Phyllis at William Burgess School and continued a working relationship as well as a friend relationship for the remaining of Phyllis's career. She was always upbeat and made everything fun. She will be missed.

Linda Caruso - June 17, 2018 at 09:23 PM

MM

My sympathy is extended to the family at this sad time. I have many fond memories of the time Phyllis and I taught together at William Burgess. She always had great words of wisdom and a cheerful disposition. She enjoyed working with others and made the world a better place. Her legacy for caring for others will live on.


May McConaghy Perks

May McConaghy - June 19, 2018 at 10:56 AM

BW

Condolences. Peace and Blessings my old friend from the 1960's Bill Wallis

bill wallis - June 28, 2018 at 01:59 AM

 Erica
Fulford-
Maier

“ So sorry to hear of Phyllis' passing. She was always fun to speak with and a very happy person. She will be missed.

Erica & Erwin Maier

Erica Fulford-Maier - June 15, 2018 at 09:09 PM

GK

“ 2 files added to the album Phyllis Hill photos



Greg Kokko - June 15, 2018 at 05:18 PM