



Mrs. Rosalind Helen Brooke

June 23, 2015

Ros passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 4 days before her 96th birthday.

Much loved Mother of Nevill and Clare and mother-in-law of Caroline and Peter. Nan of Jenny (Steve), Julie (Steve), Robert (Roshelle), James (Liz), in the UK, and Andrew (Simone), in Australia. Great Gran to Brooke, Gabe, Eva, Max, Sydney, Abby, Colin and Joshua.

Ros had a passion for sports ever since she was a young child and inspired many youth as a swim coach and many adults as a Yoga and Tai Chi teacher. Ros was a wonderful friend to so many and positively impacted many lives through her passion for helping others and volunteering in the community.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ballycliffe Lodge, 70 Station Street, Ajax, on Tuesday, July 28th at 7 pm. Honouring Ros' love of her Blue Jays Baseball team and the Blue Jay bird, we will be wearing BLUE.

Donations can be made the Toronto Blue Jays Kidsport Charity giving all children an opportunity to participate in sport: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registration/donate.aspx?EventID=42981>

Tribute Wall

GV

“ We will always remember Ros from when we lived in Pickering cheering us on when playing tennis. She was my first yoga teacher over 30 years ago who started me on a path that has helped me through life.

Fondly rememered honoured to have known her.

Gillian, Vittorio and family

gillian venturi - July 09, 2015 at 11:48 AM

HW

“ I'm Heather, second cousin to Clare, living in England. Ros was my mother Nancy's beloved cousin - they were born within 10 days of each other, but Ros outlived Nancy by two and a half years. Nancy's mother Ella was sister to Ros' father Frank. In the attached photo of their grandparents' Golden Wedding in 1924, Ros is in the middle of the front row with her brother Gordon, Nancy is on the left. Ros' parents Frank and Muriel are at the rhs of the back row, with their older daughter Norah in front of them.

At the time when the picture of Ros as a swimmer was taken, she was training in London, and staying with my mother and her parents at Richmond. They stayed in touch all their lives, though Nancy stayed in England, while Ros spent most of her adult life in South Africa and then Canada..



Heather Williamson - July 06, 2015 at 06:16 PM

HW

“ I'm Heather, Clare's 2nd cousin in England. Ros was my mother Nancy's dearly loved cousin, and they were 'nearly twins', born within 10 days of each other in 1919. Nancy's mother Ella, nee Fairburn, was a sister of Ros' father Frank.

Ros and Nancy kept in touch all their lives, though Ros spent a lot of hers in South S

Africa, and latterly in Canada. Ros stayed with Nancy and her parents in Richmond, just outside London, when they were in their late teens or early 20s. I'm attaching a few pictures: two childhood ones - in the family group (1924) my mother is the child on the left in the front. Next to Ros, front middle, is her brother Gordon. Her older sister Norah is in front of their parents, Muriel and Frank, who are at the rhs of the back row. The other pictures are from her competitive swimming days, the time of her engagement and marriage to Rev Richard Brooke, and the birth of her first child, Nevill.



Brooke.
Miss Fairburn, who is a member of the staff of the Standard Bank, is well known in swimming circles. She has represented Natal in Currie Cup events at Johannesburg and Bulawayo.
Mr. Brooke was educated at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and has taught in English public schools. He came out to Durban

Heather Williamson - July 06, 2015 at 12:50 PM

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“ Ros was such a wonderful lady and beautiful soul. I will miss my visits and chats with her so very much, She was such an interesting lady with so many stories about her life that she shared (as well as her peppermints and chocolate stash). My love, prayers and big hugs to you all ... <3

Noreen Turpin - July 02, 2015 at 08:55 AM