



## Ms. Sheila Jean Ward

February 17, 2016

Sheila Ward was a force of nature. She died unexpectedly but peacefully at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto on February 17, 2016 surrounded by significant other Janice and her daughters Jessie and Emma Barr, 'honourary niece' Nancy Fowler and her husband Mike Brown, and close friends Kathleen Wynne and Jane Rounthwaite. Pastor Matthew Parker was also present. Close by were Barbara Parker and Janice and Sheila's beloved grand-baby Sylvan Quinn (aka the 'Budlet').

Sheila was born in Toronto on July 23, 1938. She is survived by her brother Dave and his wife Debbie, nephew Adam, nieces Kenda and Stephanie, and cousins Cliff Walker and Harriet Greenhow. Predeceased by her parents Maida and Charles Ward and brother Jim, as well as 'Little Puppy' Albert.

Over Sheila's long career she made significant contributions to education, journalism, and politics in Canada and touched the lives of many leaders in those fields. Most recently, she was a school trustee for over 20 years and led the Toronto District School Board as its Chair from 2003 to 2007.

A funeral will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, February 27th at Fairlawn Avenue United Church, 28 Fairlawn Avenue, Toronto, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend, honour, and celebrate Sheila's life.

Donations in Sheila's memory can be made to Nelson Mandela Public School

(cheques payable to “Toronto District School Board in trust for Nelson Mandela Public School”).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
28 Fairlawn Avenue  
Toronto, ON M5M 1S7 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Sheila Ward. She was a force to be reckoned with. Sheila was passionate, supportive and one strong woman. I feel fortunate to have worked with her. May she rest in peace. Nicole Pearson

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**Nicole Pearson** - February 25, 2016 at 09:04 AM

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“ On behalf of the Toronto District School Board Supervisory Officer's Association, please accept our sincerest condolences for the loss of Sheila to your family. She was a very strong advocate for children's rights and needs in Toronto and beyond its city borders. Sheila always challenged our thinking in terms of how we made decisions in the best interest of the children within our care. She will be missed by all those who's lives she touched.

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**Toronto Supervisory Officers Association** - February 22, 2016 at 03:09 PM

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“ Sheila was an outstanding person, she was always cheerful and the one who was example in many ways to many of us in doing good work for humanity. May She rest in peace. She will be missed.

*Abdul huq Ingar*

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**Abdulhuq Ingar** - February 21, 2016 at 10:42 PM