



## Mrs. Velma Mary Williamson, (nee Balmer)

June 19, 2015

Passed away peacefully in her 94th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband, Norman. Deeply missed by Gary (Rose), Gail (Peter Barkic), Wendy (Norm Trainor), Roy (Ingé) of Kearney, Carol (Ian Parker), Barb Buckley, and Cathy (Robbins Wolfe). Cherished Grandma of Michael, Ryan, Tai, Trevor, Jeremy, Shauna, Sue May, Allison, Christopher, Jon, Marc, Patrick, Sloan and Luke. Dearest great-grandmother to Brayden and Camden. Survived by her sister Joan (Teddy) Arrington of Frisco, Texas and brother Ronald F. Balmer of Zürich, Switzerland. Velma was born, lived and educated in Toronto where she raised her family and then started her career as a medical secretary in 1965. In 1943, Velma and Norm married and settled in a 2nd floor flat on Bellefair Avenue. Shortly afterwards Norman built a home at the foot of Liverpool Road on Frenchman's Bay. It was here that the family continued growing until they eventually moved back to Toronto and settled on Kingswood Road in 1957. Velma continued living here after Norm's death in 2002 until 2011 when she moved into a retirement residence. Velma dedicated her life to her husband and family. She enjoyed travelling, sailing, swimming, knitting and cycling. She volunteered at Churches by the Bluffs Food Bank. Velma had many fond memories of spending time with her family, friends, and neighbours. She loved to bake and cook, and cherished family gatherings. The family would like to thank the medical staff at St. Michael's Hospital, Providence Health Centre, True Davidson Acres and Toronto East General Hospital for taking caring of Mom. Visitation will take place at 10 am,

A Celebration of Velma's Life at 11 am, followed by a reception on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Birchcliff Bluffs United Church, 33 East Road, Toronto, M1N 1Z9. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Birchcliff Bluffs United Church or Churches by the Bluffs Food Bank.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Velma..  
Your Mom was a wonderful lady and she most generously shared  
her genealogical files on the Balmer family wtih me.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Marie Balmer

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**Marie Balmer** - June 25, 2015 at 02:45 PM

KA

“ Aunt Velma...you were a big part of my mom's life and you were a  
part of mine as well. You truly will be missed by all. To your family, I  
offer you my sincerest condolences and wish I could be there  
Saturday to say my farewell. Karen (Muschett)

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**Karen Anderson** - June 22, 2015 at 10:57 AM

DG

Thank you so much Karen. Mom cherished her memories of your Mom  
growing up and then again when you and your brother's arrived. It was  
a wonderful celebration for the family and friends yesterday. It was  
Mom's time to go. She had an amazing life and she was ready to go,  
with no regrets. She is a part of all of us and we cannot escape her  
influence on us. This is a joy for all of us. Love Gail

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**Daughter Gail** - June 28, 2015 at 12:57 PM