



Betty Elnore Melissa Phillips

March 29, 1932 - September 26, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Betty Elnore Melissa Phillips (née Johnston), in her eighty-eighth year, at The Wellington, in Hamilton, Ontario. Beloved wife, for sixty-seven wonderful years, of Tom Phillips; mother of Bob Phillips (Joseph Hisey), Don Phillips (Leena), and Leslie Phillips (Ken Skarupa); grandmother of Sarah and Scott Phillips, and Matthew and Benjamin Gryzwacz; sister of Dorothy Ruddell (Peter), and the late Roy Johnston (Joan). First-born daughter of Dora and Elmore Johnston, Betty grew up in Hamilton, attended Delta Secondary School, initially worshipped at New Westminster Presbyterian Church, and studied to be an elementary educator at the Hamilton Normal School. After teaching primary grades for several years, Betty married Tom in 1952, and as an astute, thorough, and admired homemaker, raised three children in Hamilton, then Mississauga. Betty sang in the choirs and served as a session member in both Chedoke and Dixie Presbyterian Churches, volunteered as a school library assistant, and enjoyed cottage life on Lake Couchiching, and, later in life, numerous cruises to sunny climes with Tom and life-long friends. Donations in Betty's name can be made to The Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

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Comments



“ Dear Tom and family,
On behalf of my mother, Mrs. Doris Haughton, (98 years old and residing at St. Josephs Villa in Dundas) the family of myself, Jeff and Diane Haughton (Dundas), my sister Virginia (Bracebridge) and my brother Trevor and his wife Bonnie (Barrie), I would would like to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Betty. She was a beautiful, positive person in every way and she will be missed by all.
Love, Jeff Haughton and family

Jeff Haughton - October 04, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Dear Tom and family,

We were so sorry to hear of your loss of Betty. She was a wonderful woman. We remember the dinner parties she threw when we were discussing the arrangement of flowers and headpieces for our upcoming weddings. We also remember the fond memories our parents had of you both. Our sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely
Janet & Len Dyack, Alison & Ed Almeida

alison almeida - October 01, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ As a longtime friend of Bob's I have the fondest memories of my annual Christmas visit to the Phillip's home in Mississauga. I would tour the Christmas trees throughout the house- eager to see where Eatons 'uncreated the sun' this year! Then I would be treated to a Downton Abbey worthy tea. A variety of home baked goods served with tea in the best china cups and saucers. I still remember the lowly white sugar promoted to holiday status with the addition of green and red sprinkles! When Mr and Mrs Phillips sold their Mississauga home to move back to Hamilton I attended their yard sale. There I got amongst other treasures a gold amethyst stick pin for a pittance. When I got home and realized that it was real gold I contacted Mrs Phillips to tell her of the oversight and arrange to return it. Her reply was "I'm glad you got it." I still have it decades later! In turn I am glad to have had the Phillips in my life - in particular Bob ' my brother from another mother'. My condolences to Mr Phillips, Bob ,Joseph, Leslie and Don and their families. With sympathy and love Cherie (Rahkola).

Cherie Rahkola - October 01, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. From the time they were teenagers whispering about their boyfriends (both Toms) in the choir at New Westminster to the time when they both lived in the Saint Elizabeth Village, our family histories were closely linked. Personally, I loved our annual trip each summer to your family cottage on Lake Chouchiching, and your mom's wonderful chocolate cake - pretty sure our dad moved into our last house in Hamilton just so your mom would bake one to celebrate!

Susan Norwood-Chase - September 30, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Through our long friendship with Bob, we know Betty to have been a loving mom and beautiful soul. Sending our condolences, Liisa and Rosemary.

Liisa Rahkola - September 30, 2019 at 01:17 PM