



## Agnes Joyce Bertelsen

February 22, 1937 - December 26, 2009

A. Joyce Bertelsen

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Passed away peacefully after a lengthy courageous battle at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Saturday December 26th 2009. Joyce is survived by her husband Martin, son Stephen, daughter Shannon and Granddaughter Jordan. Predeceased by her brother James Chester. Retired teacher at Base Borden and several schools in Simcoe County as a class room teacher at the elementary and high school levels and special education resource teacher finishing her career at Barrie North. Friends may call at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home 201 Minet's Point Rd. at Yonge St. Barrie on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. An Eastern Star Service under the auspices of Innisfil Chapter # 162

Will be held at 7:30p.m. Funeral service will be held from St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church (161 Hanmer St. W.) Barrie on Thursday December 31st at 11:00a.m. Memorial donations to St. Margaret's Anglican Church or the Royal Victoria Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be forwarded through <http://www.steckleygooderham.com>.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**                      02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home Minet's Point Chapel  
210 Minet's Point Road, Barrie, ON, CA, L4N 4C2

**DEC**   **Service**                      11:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Margaret's Anglican Church  
161 Hamner Street West, BARRIE, ON, CA

# Comments

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“ Dear Martin, Stephen, Shannon, Jordan

It is with great fondness that we remember Joyce. Her sincere interest in how our academic studies were going helped to keep me focused. She always had some advice that helped in some form. When Jefferson and Anna were going off to school, Joyce reassured me that the Anglican church was just around the corner from Sault College, told me about people that she knew in the Sault and let me know that Jefferson would be just fine. Similarly she gave me the names of a list of students in Barrie who were attending McGill so that I could feel more comfortable about Anna going so far to Montreal.

Her tenacity and courage in the face of her illness was an inspiration to me. Just seeing Joyce in church on a Sunday morning made me even more determined to keep the faith. Her regular phone calls reminded me that I was part of a loving church family. Joyce truly was a giver and a wonderful example of what Christ expects us to be.

Vaya con Dios, Joyce

Pat Broomes

**Pat, Jefferson, Jefferson and Anna-Maria Broomes** - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM

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“ Stephen, My heart goes out to you and your family. The way you always spoke of your mom I know you will all be missing a very special and wonderful lady. The thoughts of all the Shipleys are with you.

**Karen Shipley and family** - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM

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“ In honour of our most important Christian mentor, our friend Joyce

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“ Joyce loved her church. Her wishes have been respected.

**Wendy, Olive, Shane, Sheri, Ryan, Robyn and Families** - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ Martin, Stephen, Shannon and Jordan

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joyce was a smart, kind and friendly individual. It was an honor to have been part of her family. She will definitely be missed.

Wendy, Olive, Shane, Sheri, Ryan, Robyn and Families - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM

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“ Martin, Stephen, Shannon & Jordan : WE send our deepest and heartfelt condolences. Although we didn't know Joyce as well as you, we did know her to be a selfless person who possessed an unwavering, indomitable spirit that will be missed by all those who knew her.

NULL - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM

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“ Joyce has always been one of my most favorite persons....Her positive approach to life's many challenges never faltered Our deepest sympathy to Marty and family.

NULL - June 03, 2010 at 09:42 PM

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“ We were sorry to receive notice of Mrs. Bertelsen's death. We offer our sincere condolences to the family.

Gerald and Lorraine Blair - January 14, 2010 at 10:40 AM

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“ On behalf of the Barrie Community Health Centre staff, I would like to offer my deepest condolence for your loss. A heartfelt sympathy for the Bertelsen family echoes in the hallways of the BCHC today.

Sincerely,

Christine Colcy  
Executive Director

**Christine Colcy** - December 30, 2009 at 12:11 PM

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“ Dear Martin, Stephen, Shannon and Jordan,  
Our hearts break with you today as we grieve the loss of Joyce. She was one of the most important Christian mentors in our lives! For a very important season of our life, Martin and Joyce stood by our sides, held our hands, and helped us develop faith! We are eternally thankful! We hold close wonderful memories of our St. Margaret's family with Marin and Joyce supporting us like one of their own. Sweet memories of Joyce's cakes, shepherds pie (I remember the secret ingredient going with Jordan and Chris to Santa's Village, our Wednesday trips to Princess Margaret for my treatments. But mostly, of course I will remember Joyce's SMILE, voice and FAITH! It was an honour to visit Joyce this last month at RVH and really enjoy her spirit. We had the wonderful opportunity to share memories and catch up. Joyce, Martin, you are an important part of our history. Thank you dear friends. Thank you Lord for sharing Joyce with us and so many others whose lives she changed! She is smiling "joyously" with Jesus now.

**Dandy Biss-Baziw, Andrew and Chris Baziw** - December 30, 2009 at 12:03 PM

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“ We wish to extend our sincere love and condolences to Martin and his family at the loss of our dear friend Joyce. We so appreciated her kind spirit and prayerful support to us when we were at St. Margaret's and know that she will be missed greatly by many of us.

Gladly though, we are rejoicing in the belief that she is pain free, sickness free and in the very presence of Jesus today!! What a glorious comfort that is! We believe God's word.... as Joyce did...

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (New International Version) "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

We regret to not be able to attend her service but know that your family will be upheld in our prayers for the strength and peace of God over these days of mourning and remembering. There will be many lovely memories for us all to keep in our hearts regarding Joyce... she was indeed one of God's beautiful treasures.

With Sincere and prayerful thoughts,  
Don & Sylvia Fry  
Waterdown, Ontario

**Don & Sylvia FRY** - December 30, 2009 at 10:44 AM

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“ To Stephen

I am sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I never knew her directly but I was aware of her teaching influence and you obviously followed her example.

I have moved to Niagara Falls and spend the winter in Florida so I am unable to speak to you in person or attend any services.

Please accept my condolences at this time,  
Verla Goudy

**Verla Goudy** - December 30, 2009 at 09:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the Barrie Community Health Centre Board of Directors I offer heart felt sympathies, and gratitude for the way in which Joyce and her family have enriched our community. Ripples spread though the pebble has settled.

**Beverly Pearl** - December 30, 2009 at 08:38 AM

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“ Martin and family. I am sorry to hear about the passing of Joyce, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We will forever remember Joyce for her wonderful smile and positive outlook on life. Joyce welcomed us so warmly to the family of St. Margaret's and it was such a pleasure to talk with her. It wasn't too long ago that Joyce and I talked on the phone and we realized that she knew my husband's family. It seems that Joyce made friends everywhere she went. Joyce will be fondly remembered and forever missed.

**Laura Johnston and Violet Donnelly** - December 30, 2009 at 02:09 AM

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“ it is with great sadness that i say goodbye to my good friend joyce  
joyce has been like a mother to me and my family she was a great support confidant  
and friend always knowing the right thing to say  
and making me feel very special we met 12 years ago at st.margaret's church where  
she instantly made me feel welcome and part of a bigger church family since then  
she has welcomed me into her home and life  
she taught my children sunday school and confirmation classes followed thru to see  
them confirmed she was very proud of joseph and hillary for there accomplishments  
and was looking forward to teaching adam the apple of her eye she so loved my  
children and for this i am thankful  
joyce bought me a bracelette from her favorite store our house that  
was given to me as a shower gift i will treasure it and remember her  
everytime i wear it i will miss going out for lunches with joyce and martin with my  
parents barb and joe we so loved getting together  
i am glad they were here to say goodbye and will be able to attend  
joyce's funeral when we told joyce we were from thunder bay she told us she had a  
family member there and i do beleive that joyce had family everywhere in the world a  
cousin neice or nephew  
joyce my friend you are in my heart forever i will miss you  
and will find comfort in knowing that you are dancing pain free with the lord maureen

**maureen trevor joseph hillary and adam daley** - December 30, 2009 at 01:46 AM

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“ lit a candle in memory of Agnes Joyce Bertelsen



December 29, 2009 at 10:09 PM

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“ Stephen,  
Extending my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and praying that your faith will give you strength in this sad time.  
Amy Stepanek

**Amy Stepanek** - December 29, 2009 at 09:53 AM

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“ Joyce, It was so lovely to know you through our telephone calls. I'm sorry that we couldn't meet. But maybe since you told me that I was fascinated by your voice when I was 5 years old and we never met again, this was the way it was meant to be. I know you are free now, so cannot be sad. Perhaps we'll meet up again soon. I'll know your voice. Love to you, Martin, Stephen, Shannon and Jordan.

Anne Chambers

**Anne Chambers** - December 29, 2009 at 05:34 AM

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“ In 1976 our world was made brighter by the smile of Joyce and Martin. That was the day two of the most beautiful people entered our lives. Our world grew a little darker on December 26th when our lovely friend Joyce went home to meet her Father. Thanks for being in our lives Joyce - sleep well in the arms of our father -- well done thou faithful servant.

**Michael and Margaret Williams** - December 29, 2009 at 01:35 AM

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“ Dear Martin & Family,

We will all miss Joyce's sweet, gentle nature and her infectious sense of humour.

You are in my prayers as you cope with this loss.

Love and prayers from

Cathryn Campbell

**Cathryn Campbell** - December 28, 2009 at 09:30 AM

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“ Mr. Bertelsen and family. I am sorry to hear about the passing of Joyce, please accept my heartfelt condolences. I will forever remember Joyce even though I only met her a few short months ago. Joyce always had a positive outlook on life and enjoyed sharing her life experiences with me during my visits. I will miss her very much.

Sincerely,

Marna Crooks (Comcare Healthcare Services)

**Marna Crooks** - December 28, 2009 at 08:39 AM