



Mrs. Margaret Nixon

March 6, 2019

NIXON, Margaret Anne (nee Donnelly)

Margaret (Marg) Anne Nixon (nee Donnelly), aged 83, died at home on March 6, 2019 of cancer. She was born on July 25, 1935 in Niagara Falls, Ontario to Mary and Joseph Donnelly.

Marg is survived by her devoted husband, Gordon (Gord); her eight children, Cathy Hadubiak (Dave), Gordon Nixon, Joan Robidoux (Marc), Gerald Nixon (Wendy), John Nixon, Mary Nixon (Megan), Derek Nixon (Tricia) and Margaret Nixon (Kiril); her twelve grandchildren, Derek, Megan, Emily, Sophie, Katherine, Desmond, Liam, Finn, Marcas, Poly, Geoffrey, and Jaime; her sister Joan Molloy; her brother Jerry; and her sister-in-law, Olga McCoy (Northern Ireland). She is predeceased by her sisters, Maureen Donnelly and Eleanor Bartels; her brother, Joseph; her sister-in-law, Gwen Carson; and her brothers-in-law, Christy, Ivan, Aubrey, and Derrick Nixon (Northern Ireland).

Marg graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hamilton, Ontario in 1957. After working at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton for a year, she travelled in Europe and then received her British nursing registration and worked for several months on the open-heart ward of Hammersmith Hospital in London, England. After returning home, she worked as a nurse for Ontario Hydro in Otter Rapids, Ontario. There, she met Gord, to whom she was married for over 57 years.

Marg left nursing to focus on raising their children and raised 4 boys and 4 girls. Their growing family lived in Little Long Rapids, Sarnia, Redbridge and North Bay, before settling in Barrie in 1977.

Once their youngest child was in school, Marg completed her first post-secondary degree, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1984. She then graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Laurentian University in 1993. As family was her first priority, Marg returned to work part-time as an Occupational Health

Nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, where she worked from 1987 to 2000.

From 1993 to 2001, Marg was an active member of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA), holding the positions of local union representative and then President for the Victoria Order of Nurses for Simcoe County. She was also an active member of the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), serving as a Committee Member from 1995 to 1998 and on the CNO Council from 1999 to 2000.

After retiring from the Royal Victoria Hospital in 2000, Marg studied foot care and began her own foot care business serving mainly senior citizens in Barrie. Many of her clients became her friends as she enjoyed speaking with seniors and getting to know them. Marg was very committed to her patients and continued to provide foot care services until her 80th birthday. To Marg, nursing was more than a job; it was a profession.

Marg was very fond of her hometown, Niagara Falls, and returned many times to visit over the years. She also loved to travel and travelled with Gord to many regions and countries around the world, including the British Isles, Scandinavia, Israel, Turkey, Japan, Bermuda, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

She will be fondly remembered and missed by her family and her many friends and acquaintances for her adventurous spirit, her unwavering zest for life and her steadfast beliefs and faith in God.

Marg sincerely appreciated the care and kindness provided to her by Dr. Matthew Orava of Barrie and all the staff at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, especially Dr. Natasha Leighl.

The funeral mass will be held on Saturday March 9 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto.

Events

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

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Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home Worsley Street Chapel
30 Worsley Street, BARRIE, ON, CA, L4M 1L4

MAR **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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MAR **Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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St. John Vianney Church
13 Baldwin Lane, BARRIE, ON, CA, L4N 2W1

MAR **Interment** 11:30AM - 12:00PM

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St. Mary's Cemetery
208 Sunnidale Road, Barrie, ON, CA, L4N 1H3

MAR **Reception** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. John Vianney Church
13 Baldwin Lane, BARRIE, ON, CA, L4N 2W1

Comments



“ Gordon Nixon is following this tribute.

Gordon Nixon - March 23 at 09:52 AM



“ Your mom/wife was one of the sweetest and most generous women that I have ever known (and funny!!). I have many fond memories of quality time spent with her and the rest of the family. She always made me feel like one of her own. I feel very fortunate to have known her. Sending you all love and positive energy ALWAYS!!

Faye



Faye James - March 14 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Gord and family,

Sincere condolences in the loss of Marg. She was a force to be reckoned with, and achieved so much in life. May God comfort you.



Versha Szczebior - March 11 at 09:52 PM



“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Aiden Sweeny - March 11 at 12:22 PM



“ Praying for the repose of your mother's soul. Thoughts and prayers are with you too, Gord.

Siobhan Sweeny

Siobhan Sweeny - March 11 at 12:14 PM



“ Dear Gord and family, we are very sorry for loss of your mother who was truly an amazing woman. God Bless. - Marie & Dermot Sweeny

Marie Stauch - March 11 at 12:10 PM



“ Those we love don't go away. They stay beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Wishing you Peace to bring you comfort, Courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Margaret will be forever remembered and forever missed.

Love as always,
Lynda Hadubiak

Lynda Hadubiak - March 09 at 08:02 AM



“ Mr. Nixon,
We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father. May He grant you strength, peace and comfort during this difficult time. What an amazing woman she was and what a life she had! It's easy to see where you got some of your wonderfulness from.

All our love,
The Arruda Family

Monica Bravo - March 08 at 09:10 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Your mother sounds like such a wonderful woman. Your family is in our prayers.

The Zingarelli Family

C. Z. - March 08 at 05:55 PM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to you Mr. Nixon and your extended family. Prayers for your mother's soul. May she rest in peace.

The Guiducci Family

Maria Filice - March 08 at 08:54 PM



“ Our prayers and condolences to you and your family. Your mother sounds like an amazing woman.

- The Lau family

Melody Tan - March 08 at 12:10 PM



“ Gord, we're so sorry for your loss. Your mother was an amazing woman who served others. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

The DeCouto family

Nicolette DeCouto - March 08 at 11:12 AM



“ Mary, Catherine and family: I am very sorry to hear that you have lost your mom. As well as raising her family, it is clear that she dedicated her life to caring for others. My condolences to the Nixon family and friends.

Anne South (former colleague of Mary, Catherine's grade 4 teacher)

Anne South - March 08 at 09:45 AM



“ Dear Gordon Nixon.
Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

The Varghese Family
Toronto

Aj Varghese - March 08 at 09:15 AM



“ Gord,
Your mother and whole family is in our thoughts and prayers.

The Arnold Family

Peggy Costa-Arnold - March 07 at 09:12 PM



“ Gordon, I am sorry for your loss. I did not know your mother but have just read her obituary. What a remarkable woman she was. Going back to university and earning two degrees after raising a large family!

Arun

Arun Mukherjee - March 07 at 08:16 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, Gord. She seems like a remarkable woman!

Claudia Brown & family - March 07 at 04:53 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Gordon - March 07 at 03:45 PM



“ Beautiful photos

Peggy - March 07 at 09:14 PM