

Morton, Freeda

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Morton family matriarch dies at home Monday

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The matriarch of the Morton family, owners of The Intelligencer for more than 60 years, died Monday in her 101st year at her residence.

Freeda Morton was the wife of Dr. Gerald Morton. The Morton family operated the newspaper from 1910, when Gerald's father, W.H. Morton purchased the business, to 1971.



Freeda Morton

"She was always a great mother," recalled son Myles Tuesday. "She was tough on me in the early years, making sure I did my studies and didn't fall in with the wrong crowd. I always appreciated that later on."

Morton, who was bedridden the last month of her life, seemed to rally when her family gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday several weeks ago on April 1.

"She hadn't been well at all, but

we carried her out to the sofa and she was glad to see everyone in one room, I think. She had really counted on celebrating her 100th birthday."

She succumbed to what Morton says was likely a heart attack, due to her advanced age.

"She was always young at heart," said grandson Bill Morton when contacted Tuesday. "She loved spending time with her grandkids, and later on, with her great-grandkids."

Morton fondly recalled staying with his grandmother as a young boy when his parents Myles and Elizabeth were out of town.

"We always had great fun. We enjoyed watching the hockey games together."

Freeda was a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music and was an avid painter for many years.

She was born in Walkerton, Ont. April 1, 1900 and married Dr. Morton in 1923.

Freeda Morton is survived by son Myles, daughter Joyce Mulock, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held today.

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