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RYAN, Mary Catherine (nee: McGuire) -
November 24, 1934 - January 25, 2009

Mary was born at the family farm near Colborne, the eldest child of Charles and Catherine (Kathleen) McGuire. She attended S.S.#10 Cramahe and Colborne High School before entering nursing training at St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Class of '55, in Peterborough. Soon after obtaining her qualifications as Registered Nurse she went to Baltimore, Maryland, to take post graduate training in operating room technique. During that time she met Joseph Gerard (Jerry) Ryan of Brooklyn, New York, whom she married on August 13, 1960. They would eventually settle in Levittown, N.Y. where they loved to entertain Canadian relatives and friends. Jerry became a proud and dedicated member of the Nassau County Police Department and Mary took a position at Central General Hospital in Plainview, N.Y. After Jerry's death in 1967 she continued to work at Central General and was the supervisor of the operating rooms for many years.

Mary's family was always of primary importance to her. She and Jerry made frequent trips 'home' to celebrate events or just to visit. After his passing she continued to make the long drive with one of her beloved pets as her traveling companion or she might make a quick weekend trip by air for a Blue Jays weekend with the sisters and their husbands or a wedding cake-making party. In 1995 she moved to Cobourg to enjoy her retirement among family and with that she truly took up her role as 'Matriarch', intimately following and celebrating the lives of the expanding family.

She began what would become extensive community involvement by volunteering her musical talent in a seniors' home. She joined the Probus Club of Cobourg and District, Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxilliary, Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxilliary, Red Hat Society and Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore. She gave without reserve to such activities as Blood Donor Clinics, flower sales, Relay for Life, Petticoat Lane, Hospital Gift Shop, co-ordinating the hospital volunteers, organizing trips, activities and events and often served in executive capacity, being the president of the Probus Club at the time of her death. She was particularly delighted with the student volunteer program that she developed at the hospital.

Deeply missing her presence in their lives are her sisters and their families: Margaret and Ed Godawa and their children Julie, John and partner Grace, Christopher and Paul and granddaughter Madeleine MacIntosh; and Rose and William (Pete) Minaker and their children Mark, Catherine and her husband Dave Butcher and Peter and grandchildren Shai Minaker and Joshua, Caroline and Rachel Butcher. Saddened by the loss of their much-loved aunt are the children and families of her late brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Betty McGuire: Sandra, her partner, Alan Campeau and their children Emma and Henry; Barbara, her partner Rick Bell and her sons Tristan, his wife Sarah and their children Seth and Nathan and Tylor, his partner Sam and their children Lucien and Jessie; Charles Stephen and his children Shannah and her husband Martin Aube and their children Brayden, Jared and Carter, Stephanie, Stephen, Sarah and Matthew; Michael Snowden and his wife, Elizabeth and their children Zachary, Madelaine and Isabel; Robert Snowden and his wife, Linda and their children Ashley, Brandon and Danielle; Pat Cosgrove; and Tracey McGuire and her partner Ben Gray and her children Andrew, Nicholas and Joseph Picano. Mary is very fondly remembered by her long-time dear friend, Joyce Sherwood.

A Celebration of Mary's Life will take place at the **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 30 King Street East, Cobourg, Ontario, on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following at Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer Street East, Cobourg. Her ashes will be interred in St. Mary's Cemetery in Grafton at a later date. Those wishing may make memorial donations by cheque to the Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore, Northumberland Hills Hospital Ladies Auxilliary or to the Northumberland Food Bank. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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TEDDY BEAR PICNIC: Annual event in Castleton



ABOVE: Dallas Bonner pours a cup for Roberta Albert at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic in Castleton, held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.



RIGHT: Jessica Harper helps her daughter, Ashlyn, thread the beads at the craft table at the picnic.

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BEREAVEMENT: School loses popular educator

Colborne PS teacher dies

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Just two months after student Mitchell Ferguson died in a tobogganing accident, the Colborne Public School community is reeling from the loss of a much-beloved staff member.

Grade 5-6 teacher Andrew Lowe died Feb. 17 a little more than a week after hip surgery.

The 46-year-old teacher grew up in Britain but proudly celebrated his new Canadian citizenship on Sept. 30, 2008.

School principal Susan Wilks recalled the event, noting the children cheered in celebration of the day.

Lowe began teaching in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board eight years ago.

In a statement made Wednesday his principal said,

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LOWE, Andrew Geoffrey - On Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the age of 46 years. Dearly beloved husband of Lisa (nee: Tollan). Loving father to James and Natalie-Anne. Cherished son of Barbara Ann Wallis and Geoffrey Lowe. Son-in-law of Dianne and John Tollan. Dear brother of Mandi Budworth (Quentin), Katie Frith (Mark), Sarah Jane Winn (Steven) and Oscar and Ben Lowe. Brother-in-law to Angela McGrath (Leonard). Andrew will be sadly missed by nieces & nephews, aunts & uncles and friends. Family and friends may call at **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St. W., Colborne on Friday, February 20th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Grafton on Saturday, February 21st at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Colborne Public School Breakfast Club or to the charity of your choice. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com

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Lowé 'a wonderful teacher'

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and a quick wit. He brought a smile to a lot of faces."

The resident of Smithfield leaves behind his wife Lisa, a fellow teacher at Colborne, a son, and a daughter currently in Senior Kindergarten at Colborne.

"He was a wonderful teacher and a favourite of many of the kids. He was involved in sports and extra curricular activities. He was a man with a wonderful sense of humour

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