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COYLE, Bernard

August 1, 1944 - December 22, 2021



and was ecstatic with the birth of his son, Brendan, in 1982. While his first love was his family, his first labour of love was being an educator. His second was building his pine log home in the countryside. He was able to enjoy this house for 43 years with his family prior to moving to a condominium. He felt as though he had "won the lottery without buying a ticket." Bernie is predeceased by his parents Bernard and Dora Coyle and his sisters Betty Coyle and Margaret Lysick and his in-laws Jean and Joseph Decker. He will be fondly remembered by his wife Kathy, son Brendan (Kim) in Milton, his sister Anne Coyle in Niagara Falls, niece Carol (Derek) Retter and family in Markham and nephew Jim (Lorenzo) Lysick in Mono, as well as the Decker and Servos clans, both with members too numerous to list. If you wish to remember Bernie in a special way, please consider donations to your local food bank, Covenant House, Sleeping Children Around the World, any organization helping teens and young children or someone you know who is in need of a helping hand. A celebration of life will occur at a later date. Online condolences can be made at www.turnerporter.ca

With incredible sadness and broken hearts, Bernie's wife Kathleen (Kathy) and his son, Brendan, share this notice of Bernie's passing on December 22, 2021. Although he was in the hospital, Kathy, Brendan and Brendan's wife, Kim were able to spend time with him before he died. Kathy was able to stay until the end. In his own words, Bernie wanted everyone to know, "I've had a wonderful, rich life, full of love. I'm so lucky." Educated as a chemical engineer at the University of Toronto (Class of 1966), he instead chose a career as an educator and served the students of Etobicoke for the entirety of his teaching career; first as a teacher of science at Royal York and Alderwood Collegiates, then for the majority of his career as the Head of Guidance at Silverthorn Collegiate. During this time, he married his "golden girl", Kathy in 1968

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There is a link death cannot sever, love and remembrance last forever.

SYKES, Eileen Blewett (nee Wilkinson)

May 28, 1917 ~ December 28, 2021

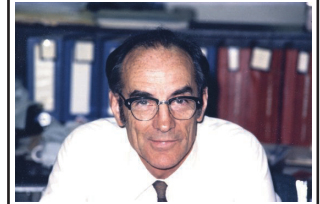


It was a Monday on the 28th of May in 1917 when Eileen was born into her earthly body on the Lake Ontario shores in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. Weighing roughly 3 pounds her survival was in question. Eileen grew up in a young Toronto on Sunnyside Avenue next door to her grandparents. When Toronto Transportation needed the property a six-room brick house was purchased on Virtue Street for \$4000 in 1922. A happy childhood before television was invented was spent outside playing games, running, and skipping her little legs off with the neighborhood children. In her early years a time of the milk man and ice box. Spring and summer were always her favourite seasons. Summer meant woolen bathing suits at the beach, Sunnyside amusement park, playing at High Park, going to the show to see silent movies before talkies were invented with friends. Eileen found joy in the little things in life, she loved to tell jokes and share a laugh

with anyone she met. Finding animal shapes in the clouds or sharing a home cooked meal with friends, the miracle of spring beginning was some of her favorite things. Despite her tiny beginnings our heavenly Father had a great plan for Eileen. To meet a worthy man who would become her husband and raise six wonderful children. She met Ernest Sykes in 1932 at Ma Brooker's Roller Skating and Eatery while roller skating. Ernest and Eileen got to know each other and dreamed of the future on walks once a week and on the weekends. They went together for eight years, each putting \$2 away a week in a joint account for their lives together and were wed on July 13, 1940. Eileen and her husband Ernie through their family business provided baked goods to the community of Georgetown for over 30 years as owners of Sykes Bakery and Sykes Super Donuts. In their retirement they served as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and travelled sharing their faith. Together they served on the Edinburgh Scotland mission, London England Genealogical mission, Salt Lake City Utah Genealogical mission and also served at the Toronto Temple. Known to those who loved her as Mother, Sister, Grandma, Grandma Great, Eileen taught a love for music and family, to live with integrity and in

service and to take notice of and marvel at all of God's creations. Throughout her life she touched many hearts with her kind spirit. Eileen will be remembered for her wit and humor and for her deep faith and service in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Eileen leaves behind her six children and their spouses, 27 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren, a total of 83 direct descendants all because two people fell in love. In her 105th year she continued to be a ray of sunshine to those around her. There was a celebration in heaven on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, when Eileen Blewett Wilkinson Sykes with beloved family by her side peacefully returned home to join the countless others who passed before who had been awaiting her arrival. Forever in our hearts, until we meet again, Mizpah A private family burial service was held at Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, Halton Hills Ontario, Canada, on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. In lieu of flowers or donations the family requests memories and photos be shared on Facebook through tagging @EileenSykes by typing @ before her name in your public post to leave it on her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/eileen.sykes.5>

Pleasant in manner, patient in pain, our loss is your eternal gain. Your cheery ways and smiling face, are a pleasure to recall; you had a kindly word for each, and died beloved by all.

**GRAHAM-SMITH, John Michael "Mike"**

Peacefully, on Saturday, December 25, 2021 at his home in Georgetown. Mike, in his 91st year, beloved husband of June for 64 years. Loving father of Tony (Cathy), John (Gina), Ann (Bruce) Clifford and Pat (Ed) Dulong. Loved Papa of Deven, Cody, Cory, Nick, Kayla, Travis, Olivia, Shane, Georgia, Jared, Sarah, Hannah and Jayden. Great-Papa of Van, Piper, Rowen and Sloane. Michael was predeceased by his brother Alan and by his sister Susan. Friends will be received at the Jones Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown (905) 877-3631 on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of memorial service in the chapel at 11 a.m. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to a charity within your community would be appreciated. In accordance with the family's wishes and Ontario's Covid-19 regulations, everyone that is attending the visitation or memorial service will be required to show proof of vaccination.

To make a memorial contribution or to send the family an online condolence message, please visit www.jonesfuneralhome.ca



A wonderful person,
friend and aide, one who was better God never made; a wonderful worker, so loyal and true, one in a million – that person was you. Just in your judgment, always right; honest and liberal, ever upright; loved by your friends and all whom you knew. Our wonderful friend – that person was you.