

OBITUARIES



**SIMOES, Raul M.**  
January 29, 1934 -  
July 30, 2022

It is with heavy, saddened hearts that we announce the death of Raul Manuel Simoes of Georgetown, Ontario, who passed away at the age of 88 on July 30, 2022, peacefully, at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. He was surrounded by his cherished family, his daughter Nancy and son-in-law Alec Grouni, and beloved grandchildren, Cassia (Joel) Del Grande, and Ethan Grouni. He leaves behind his son, Paul Simoes. Raul married Raquel on April 25, 1959, and once they immigrated to Canada, from Portugal, Raul worked as a buyer/accountant for Canadian Tire for 32 years. Honesty was a hallmark of his character, and he received many professional accolades regarding his outstanding integrity, work ethic and accomplishments. He loved a good Portuguese dinner accompanied by a glass, (or 2) of red wine, of course. Raul had an appreciation for spiritual things, and in recent years he associated with the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. We thank them very much for their interest in him and loving support during this difficult time. Raul's infectious smile and sense of humour, eternally optimistic outlook despite life's challenges and sterling work ethic, are qualities impacting the lives of all who loved him, and those he leaves behind. He was a true gem, and will be dearly, dearly missed. Raul's life will be memorialized by family and friends via Zoom on Saturday, August 20 at 2:00p.m. Please sign the Tribute Wall at <https://obituaries.basicfunerals.ca/obituary/Raul-Simoes>

A sweet little flower, nipped in the bud, no grief or sorrow knew; just came to earth to win our love and then to Heaven withdrew. No stain was on your little heart, sin had not entered there; and innocence slept sweetly on that pale white brow so fair. You were too pure for this cold earth, too beautiful to stay, and so God's holy angel bore our darling one away.

**McNEIL, Helen Elizabeth**  
February 2, 1925 - August 6, 2022



Forever loving and loved, it is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Helen McNeil, at the age of 97, on August 6, 2022, at Extencicare Halton Hills. Predeceased by treasured husband Lloyd McNeil (1997) and adored daughter Peggi McNeil (2014). Helen will be dearly missed, and her special memory cherished forever, by daughter Nanci McNeil-Llewellyn, son-in-law Mark Llewellyn, son-in-law Rob Clipperton (Peggi), grandson Joshua Clipperton, granddaughter Drew Clipperton (Mike Saray) and great grandsons Mason and Finnley. Helen will also be fondly remembered by numerous extended family members and friends throughout Ontario and Ireland. She was always in her glory when surrounded by the ones she loved. Helen and Lloyd were married in 1946 and raised Peggi and Nanci in Streetsville until they moved to Stewarttown in 1968. Helen worked in a variety of administrative support positions and retired as a Legal

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And while you lie in peaceful sleep, your memory we shall always keep.

Heavy are our hearts today, memory brings you back once more, to the time when you were with us, to the happy days of yore.

Aid Assessor. Helen lived a full life in retirement via her involvement in many community activities, including being a founding member of the Georgetown Distress Centre, president/board member for the Georgetown Senior's Centre (now Hillsvie), a member of SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together), an active member of St. Andrew's United Church and an associate of numerous lodge affiliations.

Helen was an avid and very competitive Scrabble and euchre player. She also enjoyed attending theatre, crocheting, scenery painting, crafts, canning preserves and, of course, garage sales. One of Helen's greatest joys was summering at her family's Green Lake cottage. A special thank you to the wonderful staff at Extencicare Halton Hills, particularly the amazing Ballinafad Unit staff, and Dr. Lim for taking such compassionate care of Helen. Friends will be received at the Jones Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown (905) 877-3631 on Monday, August 15, 2022 from 3 p.m. until time of celebration of Helen's life in the chapel at 4 p.m. Reception and further visitation to follow in the Trafalgar Room from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer Foundation or the Hillsvie Active Living Centre, Georgetown would be appreciated.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**Laurie Schroder**

Died peacefully, surrounded by love, June 22, 2022. Her life will be celebrated Sunday, August 21, 2:30 p.m. at Maple Avenue Baptist Church. All are welcome to share personal remembrances. Livestream link will be found at [mabc.ca](http://mabc.ca).

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