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"Taffy Manchee didn't pass on, pass away, or pass out. She just died."

MANCHEE, D. Jeanne

On January 10th, 2014, D. Jeanne Manchee, nee Tate, aka Taffy, died peacefully at her beloved Spinneybeck Farm at 11:50 am. Two mourning doves greeted her on the lawn outside her window.

Jeanne was predeceased by her husband of 58 years Charles P. Manchee. She will be dearly missed by her children, Michael (Carrie), Philip (Penny), Stephen (Jodie), Susie (Marie), Janie (Joe), and her grandchildren, Neil (Heather), Ryan, Marc (Katie), Jess (Costa), Kyle (Sarah), Hailey, Jaime (Tim), Stuart (Cath), her great grandson Harrison, and her incomparable caregiver of three years, Dale Stephens...as well as her in laws, step-grandchildren Hannah, Chris (Aviva), Silas (Aynsley) and step great grandchildren Blake, Ethan, Addison, Sabian and Aurelia, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of labradors, the latest being Mowgli.

Taffy had a zest for life filled with love and adventure and adored a good joke or story as much as a good book. In recent years when asked how she was doing she'd reply "Well I'm not skiing this year," and brandish her cane as way of explanation. One of her favourite conversation openers was "Did you have a happy childhood?" She knew she could tell a lot about a person by their response, both spoken and unspoken. Mom had a knack for "seeing" people, helping them realize their potential and what they had to offer the world. She made them better people, encouraging them to follow their dreams and to seize opportunities. She could be strict too and would lay down the law when it felt appropriate. Manners were important, social graces a must, good grammar indispensable. One more at the table was never a problem when any of us arrived with an unexpected friend. Hers was a happy childhood growing up in North Toronto with her parents, Bill and Dot Tate, and her cherished older brother Bob. She made life long friends with her school - mates at Havergal College and, at age 18, was one of the first to sign up with the RCAF Women's Division during World War II. Like many people of her generation it was a life defining time and she served her country proudly overseas in Gander, Newfoundland, and on both coasts. But it was in Halifax on an unexpected blind date that she met Charlie (her half blind date) and after an evening of sipping cokes and dancing, whispered in his ear, "They'll all be blondes." They married in 1947 after Taffy had attended a diploma program in physiotherapy at U of T. She always said dad married her for a backrub and all he got were 5 children! In Toronto she busied herself with the Junior League and a growing family but in 1955 when Charlie's career moved north to Newmarket, so too did the family. They landed at Spinneybeck Farm and never looked back. By 1961 there were five children and a new business venture called Spinneybeck Enterprises. While Charlie traveled extensively it was up to Taffy to hold down the fort, serving up her famous souper casserole in the leaner times and prime rib roasts as the business flourished. Whether corralling escaped cattle, chasing labradors, or shooting a rabid skunk coming toward the house, Taffy fended for her family. Mom was also active in her local community, canvassing for many years for the Cancer Society in her infamous car the Black Mariah, and utilizing her physiotherapy skills at C.A.R.D., Community Association Riding for the Disabled. As Spinneybeck grew, its success allowed Charlie and Taff to travel for work and play, extending their circle of friends across continents. While they enjoyed seeing many parts of the world they had their favourite haunts, returning annually to Gstaad to ski with good friends, to Hopetown in the Bahamas to sail, and summers in Muskoka. As age crept up she would warn friends "10 minutes for health...we don't need an organ recital." Then sign off conversations with the latest joke she'd heard because you "had to leave'em laughing." She didn't need fanfare and she was steadfastly generous with many causes, helping numerous friends and family over the years. She offered up WAM when she recognized a little Walking Around Money was just the thing needed to brighten a gloomy day. Mom's philanthropy was one of a quiet nature and could be summed up in our nightly dinner grace. "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful, and ever mindful of the needs of others. Amen." Taffy Manchee - La Contessa, formidable Scrabble player, skinny dipper, leadfoot driver, ardent skier, philanthropist, tea drinker, joke teller, story teller, reader, world traveler, bird watcher, labrador lover, mentor, friend. Mom was all of these and so much more.

A Service of Celebration will be held in the chapel at Mt. Pleasant Visitation Centre, 375 Mt. Pleasant Road, Toronto on Thursday, January 16th at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

This spring, when the lilacs are in bloom at Spinneybeck we will have a gathering of family and friends. Please stay in touch for further details.

If desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, 1400 - 522 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2R5, or charity of choice, in lieu of flowers.

Condolences and memories may be made by contacting HUMPHREY FUNERAL HOME - A.W. MILES CHAPEL, 1-800-616-3311 or online through www.humphreymiles.com.



BOWER, Richard William

Bill died January 11, 2014 at Southlake Regional Health Centre with his wife and children at his side. For the past year, pancreatic cancer ravaged his body, but his wit remained sharp and his spirit true. He was 67.

For close to 30 years, Bill served the people of Toronto as a member of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service. He served the broader community as a Freemason. He was twice Master of Richardson Lodge No. 136 in Stouffville and was recently appointed a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Bill loved people, plain and simple. He was the neighbour you went to when you needed a drill bit, a cold beer or a shoulder on which to cry. An avid sports fan, he played and coached baseball and hockey. He cheered for the home team, including the Argos, the Jays and even those bums in blue and white —the Maple Leafs.

He loved Christmas and liked his steak rare, his cigars Cuban and his Scotch single malt. He loved his bagpipes, though his neighbours ... not so much. He disliked basketball, the squirrels that stole the seed from his bird feeder and pretty much every other driver on the road. And peanut butter. Oh, how he despised peanut butter.

Above all, Bill loved his family. You could literally see the joy on his face at our weekly dinners and other functions. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he embodied love.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy, children Patti and Jeff and Michelle and Kevin, and his grandchildren, Evan, Madeleine and Alicia. Fondly remembered by Shelby and Jack, he was predeceased by his constant companion, Scampy.

You can celebrate Bill's life on Saturday, January 18 at Low and Low, 23 Main St. S., Uxbridge. Visitation is at 1 p.m. and service at 2 p.m., followed by a reception. For more details, visit lowandlow.ca.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity or the Action Clinic at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

You can also seek out the next blood donor clinic in your community and make a donation in Bill's memory. Bill gave 87 units to the blood bank during his life and, in the past year, "made a few withdrawals." There are many other people just like him who need your blood. For details on how and where to give, visit blood.ca

BINGHAM, John Douglas "Jackie"

Suddenly passed away on Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at the age of 61.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Jackie loved being surrounded by good music, great company and a glass of wine.

Family will receive friends at the O'Neill Funeral Home 6324 Main St., Stouffville 905-642-2855 on Saturday, January 18th, 2014 to celebrate Jackie's life from noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. Reception to follow. Interment to take place in the spring.

In memory of Jackie, donations can be made to the Canadian Association for Music Therapy or Canadian Diabetes Association.



MOYER, Gertrude (nee Clarke)

Called to her heavenly home on December 30, 2013 at the age of 96 at Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Beloved mother of Karen and Don Chubbuck, Helen and Bruce Snyder, Ian and Lilyane Moyer and Janet and Glyn Allen. Treasured grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 14. Predeceased by husband Donald Campbell Moyer October 8, 2003. Eldest daughter of Almour and Marjorie Clarke. Dear sister of Douglas, David (Peggy), Keith (Ruth) and Louise. Predeceased by sister Ruth Roberts and brother Bruce.

Former resident of Toronto, Collingwood, Aurora and Parkview Village in Stouffville. Over the years, she loved to spend time with her family, teaching the grandchildren how to bake, writing letters, telling stories, wonderful meals. "My foundation through my life has been my trust in the Lord, Bible reading, prayer & public worship."

Special thanks to the staff of the Palliative Care Unit of Markham Stouffville Hospital and the staff at Parkview & CHATS.

Visitation was held at the Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, 905-727-5421 on Wednesday, January 1st from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. A Funeral Service was held at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, Aurora on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 11 a.m. with reception to follow. Burial at Stouffville Cemetery.

Donations can be made to Interserve, Tyndale University or Parkview Village.

A memorial reception will be held in the Parkview Auditorium, 12184 9th Line, Stouffville on Saturday, January 18th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.thompsonsfh-aurora.com

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WICKSTED, Ann Christine

Born in England March 1, 1947. Passed away January 10, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer and surrounded by loving family.

Survived by husband David, daughter Toby-Ann, son Ian (Paola), 3 wonderful grandchildren; Brayden, Andrew and Alejandra. Brothers Lloyd (Heather) David (Sharon) Scott (Nadine), many nephews, nieces and their children and brother-in-law James. Pre-deceased brother Ralph (Kim) (Joanie) and parents Neil and Evelyn Morrison.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr's Trinkaus and Patterson, the nurses, and staff at M/S Hosp & Oncology Dept. who cared for Ann during her journey.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to M/S hospital Oncology Dept. or just perform a random act of kindness.

Cremation has taken place.

A Celebration of Ann's life will be held in the Chapel of DIXON-GARLAND FUNERAL HOME 166 Main Street N. (Markham Road) Markham on Thursday January 16, 2014 from 10:30 until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11:30 am. Reception to follow.

WARBY, Rheta (nee Maynard)

Peacefully at West Parry Sound District Health Centre on Sunday, January 5, 2014 in her 91st year.

Beloved wife of the late Allan, and loving mother of George and his wife Maureen. She will be lovingly remembered by her granddaughter, Meghan. Dear sister of Marjorie Constable and Gladys Keeble and the late Alma Walker, Viola Durant, Eileen Twiner, Mark, Alfred, John, George, Allen, Ross and Robert Maynard.

Friends will be received at the DIXON GARLAND FUNERAL HOME, 166 Main Street N. (Markham Road), Markham on Monday, January 13, 2014 from 2 p.m. until the time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Markham Food Bank, Lakeland Long Term Care Parry Sound or to a choice charity.

BAJARI, Ben

Passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on Saturday, December 21st, 2013 in his 73rd year.

Loving husband of Lorna for 47 years. Cherished father of Amanda (Pete). Brother of Jim (Flora) and Paul (Susan). He will be remembered by all of his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by both parents.

As per Ben's wishes cremation and memorial service have taken place.

BELLAMY, Stuart

Stuart Bellamy formerly of Rupert Ave., Stouffville passed away peacefully in England at age 89. He will be sadly missed by son Rennie, Daughter-in-law Jane and grandchildren Stuart and Catherine.

Donations in aid of Scouts Canada- No One Left Behind fund.

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Constantinos Danny MICHELIS

In memory of Our Loving Son who passed away January 17, 2013

Those special memories of you, Will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back For just a little while... Then we could sit and talk again Just like we used to do. You always meant so much to us And always will too.

Love Mom & Dad

BENSON. Isabel W.

In loving memory of our Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother who passed away January 15, 2001

Gone is the smiling face we loved to see, Gone is the cheery voice we loved to hear, But know that you are thought of with love and missed every single day.

June and Bill and family, Enid and Mark

In Loving Memory of Terry Gregory Jr.
Jan. 19, 1979 ~ Jan. 20, 2011

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept To Love, Cherish and Never Forget

Love Grandma Ward, Lorraine Ryan and Landon