



Joan Elizabeth Ackerman

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A long life well lived or as Joan herself said “I had the perfect life”. On June 1, 2026, in Peterborough Ontario Joan left this life on a pillow of love.

Beautiful, intelligent, active, kind, generous and fiercely independent. Physiotherapist, choir member, pianist, avid bridge player, good friend. Wife, Mother, Grandmother (“Mormor” to her grandchildren), Great Grandmother. Joan leaves behind children Margaret, Marilyn, Jim (Patty), Marcia; grandchildren Ena, Nikki, Liam; and great grandson JJ.

Joan was born in Toronto on Aug 29, 1927 to George and Phoebe Gault. She grew up in Toronto, and went to the University of Toronto, graduating as a physiotherapist in 1949. Joan loved her profession and ran the physio department of two hospitals; Milton Hospital (Milton Ont) and Bancroft Hospital (Bancroft Ont).

Joan married Bill Ackerman (d. 2018) in 1951. They made their home in Oakville, Ontario until a move in 1972 to Paudash Lake, near Bancroft, Ont. After retirement, the city life beckoned and Joan and Bill spent their remaining years in Peterborough, Ont. During this time Joan and Bill travelled extensively primarily to eastern and western Europe, relishing in their

interactions and the stories of those they met along the way and all the locals with whom they conversed.

Joan loved singing. She was a member of the Peterborough Singers for many years, adding her beautiful alto voice. For Joan, the unsurpassed highlight was singing Carmina Burana and St. John's Passion under the leadership of Syd Birrell.

For her last years, Joan resided at Princess Gardens, loving her small apartment that overlooked the river. She loved and relished her table mates, especially good friend Dawson. If they could, the supper group would have kept talking and laughing, likely until the wee hours of the morning.

May she rest well, happy and peaceful.