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After 93 incredible years, Joan passed away peacefully in Peterborough, Ontario on August 17, 2025 with her smile gracing her face until the very end. Born in Noranda, Québec Joan spent her early years playing with her late sister Patricia Kitchings in the small mining town before moving to Toronto with their mother Marguerite Pierdon (née Demers) in the late 1930's. Attending high school at Jarvis Collegiate Joan excelled at academics and followed in her Father James Pierdon's shoes, graduating with honours from the University of Toronto in Metallurgical Engineering in 1956.

Joan's career began with Avro Canada where she tested titanium for the Avro Arrow CF-105 aircraft. She later joined IBM in sales supporting the 305 Ramac, the first commercial computer with magnetic disk storage. She then went on to work with Traders Finance writing computer programs for payroll. Her longest employment before retirement was with the Ontario Board of Education maintaining the student record system for students across Ontario.

Beyond her professional life Joan lived a full life with her family, long time friends from her Alpha Phi Fraternity and many workplace connections she made over the years. Having a huge love of the outdoors she enjoyed being

close to nature on canoe trips in Algonquin Park, swimming, waterskiing, and boating at family cottages all over Southern Ontario. With a huge appreciation of music and the arts she was a season ticket holder to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Opera Company and various theatres in the city. She enjoyed frequent visits to the Art Gallery of Ontario, Royal Ontario Museum, as well as museums and art galleries during her many travels abroad. She had a deep affection for all animals and always held a very special place in her heart for her beloved Irish Setter Nikki.

Joan is survived by her loving husband Ronald, her children Teresa and Jason, and daughter-in-law Joy. She will be dearly missed by her niece Kathy Alden and husband Tom, sister Virginia Francey and husband Paul, brother David and wife Gale, nieces and nephews Micheal, Andrew, and Patrick (Alden), Spencer, Tyler, Brooke and Kyle (Francey), Julia (Pierdon) and the Hendriks cousins Martha, Sally, David and Don.

Missed but never forgotten, we will always see you in calm lake waters you loved so much and in the glow of the fireflies lighting the forest on summer nights. Online condolences may be made at CommunityAlternative.ca

Tribute Wall

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“ Ron and family, deepest condolences to you and your family. Joan was a delight, when she was still walking the cottage road, she dropped by one day and we invited her in for a bowl of ice cream, she was so pleased and we had a nice visit. Her smile is something she will be remembered for. \u2764\ufe0f Love from Corinne, Justin, Amber, Brooke, Eden and of course the dogs Piper and Cleo.

Corinne Abbruzzese - August 21, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ With deepest sympathy. Joan\u2019s life of curiosity and achievement inspired so many including myself. As a fellow University of Toronto alumnus, I\u2019m honored to share the same alma mater that she and her father, James Pierdon, called home. Lucky me (Paul) to have married into the family and call her sister (Virginia) my wife of 52 years. May her memory be a blessing.\u2014 Paul, University of Toronto alumnus

Paul Francey - August 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM