



Joanne Mitchell-Agar

January 5, 1957 - August 6, 2024

MITCHELL-AGAR, Laurie “Joanne”

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Peacefully surrounded by family at Hospice Peterborough on Tuesday August 6, 2024 in her 68th year. Beloved wife of the late Carl Agar. Loving mother of Zachary and Zoe. Dear sister to John Mitchell and Jean (Crough), Vern Wilson and Gary Wilson. Loved daughter of the late Charles Mitchell and Josephine Tripp. Predeceased by siblings Ron Wilson and Edyth Henderson. Will be sadly missed by her in-laws Alice and Gordon Agar, Rodrick Agar and Leslie Agar-Waite. Joanne was an aunt to numerous nephews and nieces and a best friend to many.

A talented artist, Joanne shared her passion for dance with many. A pioneer of performing arts in Peterborough, along with ballet, she popularized a variety of dance forms in the city through her dance studio and instructional programs. A committed educator, she lived her dream of sharing her knowledge and love with so many through teaching. After her career instructing dance, she blossomed as a teacher in the Durham and Peterborough, teaching many subjects to all ages over decades. She was a lover of nature and all its creatures great and small with a great enthusiasm for the Equine. Her passion for horseback riding and care started as a teenager and would grow to a lifelong pastime. The gift of a green thumb

brought her to be an avid gardener and leader in her local garden community.

She shared her wealth of skills and ambitions with so many in the community, enriching the lives of so many, leaving fond memories of a golden soul who left the world better and brighter than she found it.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or Hospice Peterborough. A celebration of life ceremony will be announced to friends and family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ms Mitchell-Agar as she was known to me when I first met her in 1978 as a 5 year old in her Academy of Dance school on Hunter Street, introduced me to ballet. I still remember all the performances and rehearsals of The Nutcracker at TASS, all the ballet lessons with the live pianist in the late 1970s. I’ve often thought about Ms Mitchell-Agar since I stopped my dance lessons in 1987. I always remember her as a part of my childhood. Rest in Peace. 2014-Yasmin Lalani

Yasmin Lalani - August 03, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ Just heard the news at a party last night and couldn’t believe it. Double-Z, your mom was a true pro and invaluable to me in the earliest days of my career at JMJ. I always carry her advice and friendship with me from here.

Ian Dewell - November 03, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JC

“ My condolences to the family. To my dear sister Jo-Anne, love you. May you rest in peace.

Jeanne Crough - September 04, 2024 at 11:29 PM

CH

“ Amazing teacher for my 3 granddaughters. She recognized and supported their beautiful Unique personalities. We also chatted about our Love for horses and we were able to provide her with hay for her horse Cindy Hudson

Cindy Hudson - August 16, 2024 at 03:13 PM

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“ I'm grateful to Joanne for planting the seeds of movement within me, for sharing her studio space and for helping to open my door to creativity. She will be missed by many. Rest peacefully, dear dancer.

Anne Ryan - August 15, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JU

“ My daughter loved her as a teacher

Julie - August 09, 2024 at 07:54 PM

TS

“ All my girls had her as a teacher in some form. She was a beautiful woman as a teacher she loved all her kids So very sad to lose her way to early.

Terri Shorten - August 09, 2024 at 01:38 PM

HS

“ So many memories Wendy, Gerry and Stephanie Fucile

Heartfelt Sympathies - August 08, 2024 at 04:33 PM