



## Mary MacLennan (Gordon)

December 8, 1927 - January 28, 2021

MACLENNAN, Mary Theresa (nee Gordon)

Peacefully in her daughter's home, following a stay in hospital, on Thursday, January 28th, 2021 in Peterborough, Ontario, in her 94th year. Born in 1927 in North Monaghan Township to parents Isadore and Violet Gordon (nee Forsythe), the eldest of five children. Devoted wife of Angus, predeceased. Treasured mother of Rosemary (Graeme) Cripps, surviving, and Anne Marie MacLennan, predeceased. Loving grandmother to Jason and Geoffrey Cripps. Survived by her adored sister Elizabeth "Betty" Mitchell and predeceased by siblings Jean Bryan (Gerald), Norma Foster (Lloyd) and John Gordon (Mary). Mary remained throughout her life a caring and devoted aunt and great-aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. She also held the special title of honorary mother and grandmother to many others.

Mary was called to nursing at an early age and worked for many years as a Registered Nurse before becoming a full time mother. She loved being a nurse and was known to be very caring and compassionate. This care and compassion continued throughout her lifetime after her retirement. Her faith, devotion, and loyalty to family, friends and others set her apart in this world. She always made time for everyone, be it to talk or listen, and through her counsel she encouraged and supported many lives. Mary always saw the good in people and made you feel you could be your best. She enjoyed her life and treasured all gatherings with family throughout the years. Through her selfless nature she imprinted her spirit on everyone she met and has left

behind a true legacy of altruism in humanity.

A service for Mary will be conducted at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Community Alternative Funeral Home. Donation may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (Peterborough) and condolences may be made through the funeral home online. [www.CommunityAlternative.ca](http://www.CommunityAlternative.ca)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was just recently shocked to read of Mary's passing, having spoken with her on the telephone just before Christmas. I send condolences to the family for this loss of such a good mother, grandmother and friend to many. I will always remember warmly the close friendship of my mother, Rita Oates, and Mary which began sometime in the 1940's. I know that she will be missed by many.  
Denise Oates, Peterborough.

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**Denise Oates** - February 21, 2021 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Mary MacLennan (Gordon)*

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**Barb Les** - February 06, 2021 at 06:51 PM

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“ *Mary was an invincible and brilliantly clever, wise woman with an unconditional capacity for kindness and love. She treated me like a daughter from the time I was 5 years old and always had time for me throughout my life. She never forgot a birthday or other occasion no matter where I was. My daughter later knew her as \u2018grandma Mary\u2019. She was a rare gift of a person, and provided us with an example of integrity to strive for. \u201cGrace Under Pressure\u201d certainly applied to her in times of adversity. She had a quick sense of humour, never lost touch with the child in her, knew her own mind and lived life on her own terms. Her dedicated faith guided her in all things. Mary also had quite a sweet tooth...so we\u2019ll be enjoying all manner of cakes and goodies in her honour. Thank you for your many years of love, dear lady. Rest in eternal peace.. Kim Rogers*

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**Kimberly Rogers** - January 30, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ Rose, Graeme, Jason and Geoff, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother. May the memories of your time together help you through your grief. You are in my thoughts.

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**Ryan Mason** - January 30, 2021 at 08:52 AM

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“ Dearest Rose, Jason, Geoff & Graeme. My deepest condolences on the loss of your mom & grandma. My love & thoughts are with you now & always xo

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**Shannon** - January 29, 2021 at 06:57 PM