



## Mary Thompson (Craw)

April 23, 1932 - February 25, 2023

THOMPSON, Mary (nee Craw)

Beloved wife of Neil Thompson, in her 91st year, passed away on February 25, 2023. Mary was born on April 23, 1932, in Peterborough, Ontario to G. Wilson Craw and Gwen Donley.

After graduating from Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School (PCVS) in 1951 (where she was awarded "Head Girl" recognition for her academic and athletic accomplishments) she went on to study history at the University of Toronto. Upon obtaining her B.A. degree she started her first job at PCVS as a history and physical education teacher and was dedicated to this position for 35 years until her retirement in 1989.

During her time at PCVS Mary was dedicated to coaching a number of ladies Cossa Championship Basketball teams.

She also played on a number of City League Softball and Basketball Championship teams.

In her retirement Mary continued with her passion for the game of golf and was a long time member (54 years) of the Kawartha Golf and Country Club. She served as President for a term and was the first female to hold that

position with the club. Mary was proud of her accomplishment of achieving 3 aces (hole in one).

Her skills and dedication were recognized by the Ontario Ladies Golf Association and she was invited to join them to take on the task of travelling province wide to rate various golf courses.

Mary was also a highly skilled bridge player and was an instructor to others.

Mary is predeceased by her parents as well as her brother, Robert Craw.

Cherished cousin of Ann Bollefer of Toronto.

Cremation has taken place. At Mary's request a graveside service will be held at Lakefield Cemetery at a later date.

If desired, condolences to the family and donations to the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society or the Peterborough Humane Society would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Neil, Barb and I are sorry to hear of Mary's death. As your across the Charles Street road neighbours we remember Mary with fondness. We especially remember her cat cafe in your beautiful award winning gardens. Thinking of you. Barb and Steve Smith

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**Steve Smith** - March 08, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss Neil, you two were an amazing couple and I'm sure you have many precious memories.

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**Hazel Armstrong** - March 03, 2023 at 03:59 PM

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“ Mrs. Thompson was an excellent history teacher at Peterborough Collegiate. I was a student in three of her courses and fortunate enough to win the prize for the top mark in her Grade 13 American History class. She kindly wrote a very nice comment in my yearbook at the end of the year. She took her teaching responsibilities seriously, as did the other teachers in the history department, including Mr. Dart, and Mr. Weir, and they prepared us well for future university studies in humanities and social sciences. They also took coached various sports teams at the school, in addition to their very busy teaching schedules. And they made the learning environment an enjoyable one. Condolences to her family and friends. J. Mark Langdon (former student)

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**J. Mark Langdon** - March 01, 2023 at 12:25 AM