



## Mary Vogl (Renwick)

March 30, 1926 - September 14, 2020

VOGL (nee Renwick), MaryAlyce

(March 30th, 1926--September 14th, 2020, age 94)

She was born at home one month premature in Lakefield, Ontario, a 3rd generation Canadian with Irish and Scottish roots, lived most of her adult life in Don Mills, and spent her final years in a retirement residence in Peterborough.

She was predeceased by her parents George Edgar Renwick (1950) and Edna Braden (1991), and her husband, Gerry Vogl (1998). She is survived by her three daughters, MaryJane Rainey (Jim Rainey), Robin Vogl (Cesare DiGiulio) and Susan Vogl Blakelock (Jim Blakelock), grandchildren Christine Rainey, Emily Blakelock, Daniel Rainey, Clara Blakelock, Paul DiGiulio, and 4 great grandchildren, Hector, Oscar, Leo, and just-born Samantha.

MaryAlyce (born Mary Alice; she changed the spelling in her youth) had an endlessly positive personality and was loved by many. Her optimism became a family joke. She attended Normal School in Peterborough and began her teaching career in her teens in a one-room school just outside Lakefield where her oldest student was only 2 years younger than she was. After all her daughters were in school, she returned to teaching in North York, at Greenland, Brookbanks, and Cassandra schools, among others. She was the

only working mum in the neighbourhood. Finally, she found her niche as an English as a Second Language teacher at Flemington Road P.S. She loved working with newcomers.

She spent most summers of her life at the cottage at Chandos Lake, and part of many winters in Florida. She loved to play bridge and Scrabble, and do jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She was active in her church communities in Don Mills: Bethesda, and later, Donway Covenant United Church. She came to loathe asparagus after a season harvesting it during the war when she dropped out of high school to work in the Farm Service near Clarkson. She discovered that she liked school better.

Her family are grateful for the years of solicitous care she received while she lived at Rubidge Retirement Residence. Until the last few weeks of her life, she participated enthusiastically in many of the activities there. She died peacefully, in her sleep.

Online condolences may be left at [AshburnhamFuneral.ca](http://AshburnhamFuneral.ca)

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Most infectious smile around. Steve and I were both sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We always looked forward to a visit with her. She will be missed. Love Barb and Steve Renwick*

Stephen Renwick - November 14, 2020 at 10:22 AM

NS

“ *Dear Robin, Mary Jane, and Susan, I am so sorry for your loss! I am sending you my love.*

Nancy Steinhauer - September 21, 2020 at 10:37 PM

EP

“ *Al and I are sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We were fortunate to have a lovely afternoon with her last summer. What a remarkable lady she was. She touched many lives and will be missed. Hugs to you and your family MJ.*

Elaine proudfoot - September 20, 2020 at 09:32 AM

WF

“ *Our loving sympathy and condolences to MaryJane and Jim particularly, as we know you from the Chandos 'Chapel-in-the-Woods'. Gil Scott sent us MaryAlyce's obituary, which is how we learned of her passing. That news sure brought back wonderful memories of visits and chats with MaryAlyce over the years that we ran the Chapel. She was such a lovely lady, full of passion and positivity, and we were blessed to call her our friend! You will be missing her dreadfully, but no doubt you are grateful for the great memories, and the special legacy of her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God fill you with His peace. Wayne & Dorothy Farquhar Abbotsford, BC*

Wayne & Dorothy Farquhar - September 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM

LR

“ Dear Robin and family. Hello Robin, old friend and colleague Lynda Ross here. I read the beautiful obituary of your mum just now in the Toronto paper. She sounds like a remarkable lady, ahead of her time in the work world. Please know I'm thinking of you and your family. The passing of your mum is made harder at this pandemic crisis surrounds us. I hope you are otherwise well. Take care and again, my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Lynda Ross** - September 19, 2020 at 10:43 AM

SB

“ Your Mom was a lovely lady. I remember her fondly. Susan (Fleck) Bigelow.

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**Susan Bigelow** - September 19, 2020 at 10:15 AM

IA

“ Mary-Jane and Jim, I met your mum many years ago when she came to the Red Door Shelter to bring donations. I got to know Mary and we always had a chat when she came to bring her donations, she was a very nice lady and will be missed by her family and many friends. I met her again through the church a few years ago and we renewed our friendship. I am thinking about you at this sad time.

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**Iris Addison** - September 18, 2020 at 07:42 PM

LA

“ Thanks for sharing the news of Mary Alyce's passing. We had just spoken of her with you a few days in advance, so knew she was fading. She was such a darling and warm person. One of our favourite people to look for while attending church. Our prayers are with you. The timing of Samantha's arrival and Mary Alyce's departure hasn't escaped me. God, in His wondrous ways.....  
Most sincerely, Lorna and Geoff

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**Lorna and Geoff Arnold** - September 18, 2020 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Vogl. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. My mom Sheila, my aunt Zelpha and I met Mary while my mom and aunt were working at Sunnybrook hospital. Mary was A very loving, kind and overall just a wonderful person. She always keep in touch with my mom and I think they spoke the week before her passing. I know she has gone to heaven and her soul is at peace. She will always remain in our hearts and will be missed. Sheila, Zelpha & Marcia

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**Desreen Bendavis** - September 18, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DA

“ REMEMBER MARY ALICE'S FATHER THE DENTIST DR.  
RENWICK IN LAKEFIELD.

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**Dan Armstrog** - September 17, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SC

“ Mary-jane and Jim and all of your family , We have wonderful memories of your Mom , especially at Chandos. She was always gracious and kind. Keeping you in our prayers. May God watch over her in this next part of her journey - Shirley & Neil

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**Shirley Carkner** - September 17, 2020 at 08:59 AM

JH

“ *A wonderful lady. Always gracious and with lovely energy.  
We\u2019ll remember her fondly.*

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**John Hooker** - September 16, 2020 at 09:23 PM