



Alice McLean

April 17, 2012

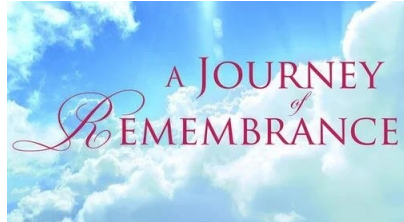
Alice Loella McLean of Chatham and formerly of Port Lambton passed away suddenly at the Chatham Hospital on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the age of 80. Alice is the daughter of the late Edwin and Eliza (Parish) Fowler. Beloved wife of Douglas McLean and the late Marshall Miles (1971). Loving mother & stepmother of Cindy Miles (Gerry Clarke) of Chatham, Mike Miles (Celeste) of Brampton, Craig McLean (Viviane) of Markham and Cathie McLean of Hamilton. Dear grandmother of Bryan, Jennifer, Erin, Mark, Brian, Adam, Guy, Marijke, Kristen, Andrea, Brian, Alice and Crystal. Little sister of Edna Lethbridge (Clare) of Regina, Sask. and the late Carl and Ivan Fowler. Sister-in-law of Joan Fowler of Sarnia and June Fowler of Edy's Mills. Alice was a former employee of Waltec and enjoyed Square Dancing. We will always remember the Thanksgiving raids on the pumpkin patch and walks through the orchard. Mom most enjoyed those "Last" Christmas dinners she was going to do and a good square dance. A very heartfelt thank-you to the staff at Copper Terrace. Thanks for being Mom's caregiver, friend and confidante and for bringing a smile. She made the best of her time with you and you were the reason why. Also, thank-you to the CKHA staff on surgery. Your compassion and care for Mom and her family were above and beyond. Please help us celebrate a life well lived and enjoyed by joining us at the funeral to be celebrated by Pastor Pat Pickle at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Friday, April 20 at 2 PM. Visiting will be in the hour prior. The interment will follow at Riverview Cemetery. If

desired, remembrances to the Copper Terrace Palliative Care Team may be left at the funeral home. 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice McLean



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Alice McLean

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Adam Miles lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean



Adam Miles - April 16, 2013 at 08:28 PM

“ *This many Miles’ in a room and no one wanted to talk!
For some reason it was decided Celeste and I could do it, but not
without Viv and Cathy for support.
Celeste speaks for all of us.*

*First off we would like to thank everyone who has been able to
come today. Mom would be thrilled to know you were all here I’m
sure there’s pie some place.*

*Even in her worst times she was always able to muster a smile and
loved to visit with anyone who was able to come and see her and as
always talk your ear off. For those of us who really new her we new
better than to ask “how have you been” or “what have you been up
to” because that would probably result in a day to day report of each
day since the last time she seen you. Even the last couple of weeks
on a limited diet I got a daily jello flavour report.*

*If you were her friend you knew she would do anything for you any
time you needed it.*

*Mom was so fortunate to find twice in her life what most of us hope
to find once. The first time with our dad and after the heartbreak of
loosing him she was able to find love and companionship with Doug
and the life and happiness she deserved. The center of that
happiness were the grandchildren. Sharing Christmas,
Thanksgiving raids on the apple orchard and the pumpkin patch ...
and no Adam we weren’t stealing. And summer time visits which
included lawnmower trailer rides, paddle boating and swimming in
the river.*

*As a mother how do we describe what she did for us? When we lost
our dad she became a single parent to 2 teenagers with all those
trial tribulations an mood swings. Mom mad certain our house had
an open door to our friends and I can imagine there is one that ever
felt unwelcome in our house or who couldn’t hang their lacrosse
equipment in the garage to dry. Mom liked having those gatherings
at our place because she knew where Mike and I were. We could*

*not have had two.....no make that three, better parents. We still miss dad and we will miss Mom each and every day.
Doug, what can I say? Thank you for accepting and loving all these crazy families we have thrown at you. For treating the Miles and Fowler clans like your own. And know that we will always be here for you no matter what.*

*Over the past couple of years Mom welcomed another family into her life, the Copper Terrace family. I have truly seen this week what Mom meant to the staff and her neighbours there. She truly made the best of her time there playing Bingo, cards, dancing, baking, and any activity that was offered. I will miss our afternoons in the garden and I think the squirrels will miss their peanuts. Mom struggled at first, but Pastor Pat and Melanie never gave up on her. I recall one afternoon running into Pastor Pat and him telling me that mom had come to Donuts and Devotionals and my reply was "Mom will do anything for a donut"
You guys are the best! Your work is appreciated – we truste you with the most important person in our life and you didn't fail. Thank you.*

Cindy Miles - May 01, 2012 at 03:28 PM

PM

“ I have thought of you and Doug often over the years, you were such great neighbours. Every time we pass that little blue house where we began our married life, I think of the kindness and support you showed to us (and Tate of course) ! Rest in Peace Alice, xoxox.

Paul and Melissa McCrea - April 29, 2012 at 03:21 AM

LB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remembers going camping with the Miles family. Larry Brooks

Larry Brooks - April 22, 2012 at 07:12 AM

CM

Thanks Larry....Lester's Beach...the best summer vacations!

Cindy Miles - April 28, 2012 at 08:08 PM

CM

“ *Celeste Miles sent a virtual gift in memory of Alice McLean*



Celeste Miles - April 20, 2012 at 11:59 PM

CM

“ *will always be thankful that I have had so many people in my life that have loved me. Gramma Alice was one of those people--we were not related by blood, but by the heart. She treated me and my siblings as her own grandchildren--joking with us, teasing us and caring about how we and our families were doing. As soon as I heard about Gramma's passing, a picture of her dancing and singing with the angels entered my mind. I pray that the loved ones of Gramma will remember the fun times they had with her, that memories of her will bring a smile to their hearts and faces, and that they will feel peace and comfort at this time. Love to you all-- Grampa Doug, I pray that you will know how much we love you and are praying for you at this time. Wish we could be there, but know you are in our hearts and thoughts.*

Love Jenn, Grant, Lauren, Luke and Elise

Cindy Miles - April 20, 2012 at 06:34 PM

SF

“ Alice will be missed by everyone here at the home.

I will never forget how Alice would be waiting in the hall on friday nights for the 'Movie Night' and popcorn. She would start waving to me as soon as she saw me come through the door.

We often joked that she was my 'welcoming party'

Stephanie LaFleur



Stephanie La Fleur - April 20, 2012 at 12:05 PM

CM

Stephanie that's too funny...she did the same thing when we would be bringing dinner in and I would know how late we were (and we always were) by how close she was to the nurses station...the later we were, the closer she was.

Cindy Miles - April 28, 2012 at 08:10 PM

CE

I was very sad to read of her passing on Facebook. Of all places even!

I remember her beautiful smile - as if I saw her yesterday.

I remember our paddle boat ride over to the lily pads across the water. We even brought some back to place by the dock they put in.

I remember looking through the 'imitation' snow filled windows at Xmas watching the icebergs float by.

Every time I get a chance to eat ambrosia salad, I think of you Grandma!! I even swap out the white marshmallows for coloured ones. You happily did it just for us kids!

You had a heart of gold and come to think of it, not once did I ever see you upset or angry.

Grandma, I miss you so much. It's been so long since we've seen each other but we will reunite again in due time, and when we do, we will prepare a delicious ham dinner with lots of rings of pineapple on top just like we did every Christmas! xoxo. Colton

Colton Evans - July 26, 2016 at 04:58 AM

LL

“*Alice was a bright light in my day at the home. She would always be willing to join in on anything that was going on. We often misbehaved but, we had a lot of laughs and I will really miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda Lucas*



Linda Lucas - April 20, 2012 at 11:55 AM

SG

“ *I going to miss Alice so much. She was the kindest person I've got to know. Alice will be in our hearts forever.*

-Stacey Gore- Volunteer from the resthome in the Activities Department



Stacey Gore - April 20, 2012 at 10:55 AM

GB

“ *Dear Doug and Family*

We were sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Aunt Alice. She will be remembered as a classy lady. Always looking so nice. Even at family picnics. We are sorry to not be able to be with you today as we have a previous engagement with several families coming to our house. God bless you all.

Love

Gerry and Liz Benn

Gerald Benn - April 20, 2012 at 09:20 AM

CM

“ *When I come tot the end of the road
and the sun has set for me
I want no tears in a gloom filled room
why cry for a soul set free
miss me a little but not too long
and not with your head bowed low
remember all the love we shared
miss me but let me go*

We will miss youalways. Forever in our hearts.

Celeste Miles - April 19, 2012 at 11:11 PM

ST

“ *thinking of you and sharing in your sorrow - our sympathy Sharon
and Rick Tyhurst*

Sharon Myers Tyhurst - April 19, 2012 at 10:03 PM



“ *Keith Sandra Denomey lit a candle in memory
of Alice McLean*



Keith Sandra Denomey - April 19, 2012 at 07:45 PM

ML

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the family. May she rest in peace.
Marion Lerman and Mike Wandzura*

Marion Lerman - April 19, 2012 at 07:38 PM

CM

Thank you Marion, Mike ... you're being there these days has been a great blessing... Craig

Craig McLean - April 23, 2012 at 09:55 PM

LD

“ *Lauren Daly lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Lauren Daly - April 19, 2012 at 05:45 PM

EJ

“ *Edna, Linda, Ross, John lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Edna, Linda, Ross, John - April 19, 2012 at 04:52 PM

MH

“ *M. Jane Hopper lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



M. Jane Hopper - April 19, 2012 at 03:47 PM

MH

Doug, Cindy & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm going to miss her and her wonderful smile and sense of humour. Jane Hopper (3 East-RN)

M. Jane Hopper - April 19, 2012 at 03:49 PM

CM

Jane you guys are the best. We cannot begin to thank you for the care, compassion and friendship you share with Mom. 3 East has had a rough week and we are thinking of all of you.

Cindy and Mike Miles and Doug McLean - April 19, 2012 at 09:40 PM

JS

“ *James & Sherri Slessor lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



James & Sherri Slessor - April 19, 2012 at 02:34 PM

BA

“ *Uncle Doug, and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We loved aunt Alice very much. My family will always have such fond memories of her from the McLean Reunions, - hearing her laugh, play games, tell stories. May the Lord hold you all close to His heart.

Love Brian, Sue, and family

Brian Anderson - April 19, 2012 at 02:09 PM

JH

“ *Gramma was full of love--she embraced each one of us kids as one of her own. We were blessed to have another Gramma to love and to have loved us. I picture her now dancing and singing with the angels. We will miss you Gramma.*

xoxoxoxoxo Jenn, Grant, Lauren, Luke and Elise

Jenn Van Harmelen - April 19, 2012 at 12:34 PM

SL

“ *Shelley Lucier lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Shelley Lucier - April 19, 2012 at 11:45 AM

CL

“ *Cheryl Laplante lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Cheryl Laplante - April 19, 2012 at 10:50 AM

DD

“ *Don & Kathy Domanski lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Don & Kathy Domanski - April 19, 2012 at 09:10 AM

PM

“ *My sincere sympathy to Alices family*

Pam Miles

Pam Miles - April 19, 2012 at 08:30 AM



“ *John and Janice Gonyou*



John Gonyou - April 19, 2012 at 08:05 AM



“ *John and Janice Gonyou*



John Gonyou - April 19, 2012 at 07:50 AM



“ *Nathan And Miria lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Nathan and Miria - April 19, 2012 at 07:40 AM



She was amazing to us... gonna miss her

Nathan and Miria - April 19, 2012 at 07:42 AM

CP

“ *Christine And Martin Pelletier lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Christine and Martin Pelletier - April 19, 2012 at 07:39 AM

CP

She was one wonderful lady!!

Christine and Martin Pelletier - April 19, 2012 at 07:39 AM

CM

Chris, Thank you. Nathan and Miria meant to work to Mom and Doug.

Cindy and Mike Miles and Doug McLean - April 19, 2012 at 09:43 PM

DH

“ *Doug And Donna Houle lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



Doug and Donna Houle - April 19, 2012 at 07:19 AM

IA

“ *I Will Miss You Aunt Alice lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean*



i will miss you Aunt Alice - April 19, 2012 at 02:39 AM

RT

“ Rachel Tremblay lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean



Rachel Tremblay - April 18, 2012 at 11:20 PM

RT

I am so sorry Doug ,Alice was such a great Lady,to all the family my sincere sympathies.

Rachel Tremblay - April 18, 2012 at 11:22 PM

DM

“ Doug, Cindy, Mike and families, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Alice was a cherished sister-in-law and will never be forgotten.
Doug & Rosanne Miles

Doug Miles - April 18, 2012 at 09:20 PM

TK

“ Tom And Brenda Kern lit a candle in memory of Alice McLean



Tom and Brenda Kern - April 18, 2012 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a very sweet lady.
Dave and Vicky Hess

Dave and Vicky Hess - April 18, 2012 at 04:51 PM

CM

The Miles/Maclean merge of families was unique and somewhat unconventional in many ways. We were the ultimate "step family" and yet in Alice's eyes we were just HER family.

She treated us all with the same love and respect.

The weekends on the Snye River, the late night hockey games on our backyard rink with the boys are memories we will cherish forever.

The boys always looked forward to going to Grammas or knowing Gramma and Grampa were coming to visit because of course they knew they would get spoiled rotten. For Alice all the Maclean/Clarke/Fugard and Doares kids were HER grandchildren. Even after Adam was born that never changed.

Alice looked forward to our summer visits. And for many years the boys and I would always take a week to spend with Gramma and Grampa. And Alice would always find ways to keep them busy.

Alice loved animals and you would always find a neighborhood dog or cat come around for some treats. Even after she lost her own pets, she always had a bowl of food and water. And always kept a stash of cookies in the back porch for her furry guests.

On a few occasions we went blueberry and strawberry picking at Parks Orchards and spend half of the week making jams and pies. I would be exhausted! But I enjoyed it immensely - though I never did master her pie crust recipe.

As some may know I lost my mom 28 years ago to cancer. It was very hard for me and I so longed to have that nurturing....and I found it in Alice. She became my surrogate Mom. I remember the first time we spoke on the phone to arrange our first visit to Wallaceburg. Both Doug and Alice instantly made me feel like part of the family.

Alice loved getting the family together. And for many years Christmas was at the Mclean's...she wouldn't have it any other way. It was one of Alice's favorite holidays and she went all out with her decorations. It must have taken her till Easter to take them down.

As an active person it was very hard to see her confined in her last years and when you visited she was always thrilled to see you. If we hadn't seen her for a while she would always phone asking about everyone. And always enjoyed hearing from the boys and what they were up to. Every conversation ended with "I love you".

Alice and I became very close and in every way like a mother to me. And loosing her I have once again lost a big part of my heart. Rest in peace now. You will forever remain in my heart. We all love you very much.

Celeste Miles - April 21, 2012 at 12:36 AM