

Illa Little

January 9, 2026

Illa Donelda Collingwood-Little, age 88, a longtime resident of Wallaceburg passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026 at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance. Cherished mother of Edward Beresford (2011), Debra Elliott, Janet Beresford (Tom Caron), Carrol Gardner, Douglas Beresford, Thomas Beresford (2020) and Heather Little-Blake (Jerry Blake). Lovingly remembered by her 17 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and her faithful furry feline companion, Lady Bug. Illa worked for the Salvation Army for over 40 years working in the store and food bank. She was a woman of deep Christian Faith and unwavering trust in the Lord. Though our hearts mourn her passing we know she is in a better place.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at First Baptist Church (99 Thomas Ave.) on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 10:30am until the time of her funeral service at 12noon. Arrangements under the care of the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231). Donations to First Baptist Church in lieu of flowers would be appreciated by her family. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
99 Thomas Avenue
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 5C8 (CA)

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ All of us at re:find charity thrift shoppe are going to miss Ila. She was a regular customer and we enjoyed her visits. God bless her family and friends.

re:find charity thrift shoppe - January 16 at 05:09 PM

CH

“ She was an awesome lady to know. I have known her since I was 16. She was my pathfinder leader first. I then worked with her at the thrift store and at the soup kitchen and the food bank. She always had a Diet Pepsi with her. She would always help people. I also remember her loving her cats like they were her children. I also use to visit with her at her apartment building. I will miss seeing her there when I go visit with my mom. You know have your wings Ila. Go and fly high. I will always love you and think of you often.



Carol-Ann Howe - January 15 at 08:35 PM

CC

“ Deepest Sympathy to Ila's family.. Ila you were a great humanitarian you showed kindness & compassion to all who seeked your help! You will be forever in our hearts. RIP❤️



Colette Clarke - January 14 at 06:00 PM

DE

“ On behalf of the Little family, we send condolences.
May Illa's memory be a Blessing.
From George Little's niece, Deb.

Deb - January 14 at 01:24 PM

PW

“ Knowing Illa was a gift as a neighbour and friend Now at rest

Pam & Geoff Weager - January 14 at 12:43 PM

DT

“ My Deepest condolences to the family
Illa was a very amazing loving caring woman
but wouldn't think twice about putting you on a
headlock if she thought she needed too I can
tell you from experience. she will be fondly
remembered and very much missed
Sending hugs and love ❤️



Doug Trudel - January 13 at 10:52 PM

JS

“ john seed lit a candle in memory of Illa Little

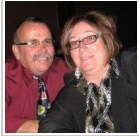


john seed - January 13 at 08:15 PM

JB

“ *Illa was part of the glue that held the Wallaceburg community together for years. I had the privilege of reporting on her ongoing efforts to help those in the community who would have gone without.*

James Blake - January 13 at 06:53 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*



Sherry Crowe - January 13 at 06:26 PM

TA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with family. I had the opportunity to work along side her for a few years. She was an amazing lady. That will be missed by many.*



Tonya Arsenault - January 13 at 05:23 PM

CK

“ *Illa was a wonderful woman of faith and kindness who devoted her life to serving God through serving her community. I honour her witness.*

Cheryl Kirk

Cheryl Kirk - January 13 at 04:21 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss .

James Snary - January 13 at 01:32 PM

SS

“ Ila was a wonderful kind and thoughtful woman. I remember her kindness when she stayed all night with my Uncle the night he passed. I have never forgotten that gesture. My thoughts are with all of her family



Sharon Smith - January 13 at 12:25 PM

RT

“ So sorry to all her family and friends my condolences to all of you. She was a great lady. I helped out at Christmas with the hampers and met her and become friends. RIP Ila from Rick Hall

Roxanne Thomson - January 13 at 09:50 AM

GM

“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Ila Little



George McGaffey - January 13 at 09:10 AM

CS

“ You were a wonderful person who was loved by many in the community. Your love you showed so many will be fondly remembered.



Carrie Skinner - January 13 at 01:10 AM

LP

“ Lola and Matt Pamer lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Lola and Matt Pamer - January 12 at 10:38 PM

LS

“ Lori and Sebastian lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Lori and Sebastian - January 12 at 08:13 PM

SV

“ Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Sherry VanGeersdaele - January 12 at 07:33 PM

VH

“ Vicki Howe lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Vicki Howe - January 12 at 06:07 PM

RI

“ rita lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



rita - January 12 at 05:57 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Gerry Flynn - January 12 at 04:41 PM

CD

“ Cindy Dubuque lit a candle in memory of Illa Little



Cindy Dubuque - January 12 at 04:38 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Norma Authier - January 12 at 04:32 PM

HJ

“ *Heather/Joe Janssens lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Heather/Joe Janssens - January 12 at 04:12 PM

RT

“ *So sorry to all her family. My condolences to all of you. She helped a lot of people in Wallaceburg. She was a good person. I helped her out one time she needed something electronic fixed. She use to come look for Christian movies. I use to save them for her. Rip Illa from Roxy*



Roxanne Thomson - January 12 at 04:08 PM

CS

“ *Your love and compassion for others will live on forever. In everyones hearts you touched with your compassion and love.*



Carrie Skinner - January 12 at 04:07 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beresford lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Judy Beresford - January 12 at 03:52 PM

SM

“ *Susan Mann lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Susan Mann - January 12 at 03:52 PM

JT

“ *Joni Trembley lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Joni Trembley - January 12 at 03:45 PM

RM

“ *Ruth lit a candle in memory of Illa Little. She will be remembered for her generosity. God bless.*



Ruth Mahood - January 12 at 03:30 PM

TS

“ *Todd and Nancy Sharrow lit a candle in memory of Illa Little*



Todd and Nancy Sharrow - January 12 at 03:04 PM

GW

“ *Prayers and thoughts to the family at this difficult time*

Geraldine Workman - January 12 at 02:22 PM