



Mary Tumelty

January 27, 2020

Mary Louisa Tumelty of Wallaceburg and formerly of Toronto passed away peacefully at the CKHA-Sydenham Campus on Monday, January 27, 2020 at the age of 91. Mary is the daughter of the late Edwin McLean & Erma Belle (Campbell) Crowe. Beloved wife of 51 years to James William Tumelty. Loving mother of James Tumelty (Jill Palmer) and Victoria Cocco (Dennis). Dear grandmother of Cameron, Kayla and Sarah. Sister of Judy Andrews of Truro, N.S. and cousin to Margot Kempton. The family is very thankful to Lorraine Stevenson for her enduring friendship. Mary had retired from teaching Special Education and English as a Second Language for the Toronto District School Board. She was a member of the IODE, an avid quilter, volunteer at the hospital and enjoyed playing Bridge with her friends. The family wishes to thank the Community of Wallaceburg in welcoming back their mother and father in their retirement years. They want a special thanks to the staff of the Oaks Retirement Village for their loving care they showed to our mother. A celebration of Mary's life will be held in Toronto at a late date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg. If desired, remembrances to the CKHA Hospital Foundation may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I’m so sorry to hear this news. Mrs. Tumelty was a very special person. She was my grade two teacher. I grew up in a project and I remember she would always take time to listen and give a hug to anyone who needed or wanted one. She was a great hugger. I remember when my mom was in hospital she took me to her house to stay with her. I remember Mr. Tumelty and Jamie and Vicky. They all treated me like one of the family. I remember being sad when she left the school and I thought about her often over the years. I found her on Facebook and we would talk over the phone. I was surprised she remembered me. She was my favourite teacher and person. She held a special spot in my heart and always will. I will keep Jamie and Vicky in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace my beautiful teacher and friend who was like a mom to me. I will forever treasure the times we shared. With much love ❤️ Carolyn Keller

Carolyn - July 15, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ Mary Tumelty

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

JM

“ Had her as a "Special Ed" teacher in the late 80's. She believed in her students. I just started to google some old teachers that have made a difference and noticed she passed away.

When people said "Special Ed" kids would end up as high-school dropouts with low paying dead-end jobs, she refused to believe this - and pushed her students to do better.

I ended up getting an MBA, and also have a professional accounting designation. I hated math :-). I work in Information Technology now.

She has made a difference to many. May she rest in peace.

John M - June 04, 2020 at 04:45 PM

CD

“ Dear Judy - I remember that, except for two families, Mary Lou was one of the first Stewiackers to attend university. This memory goes back to the 1940's. (A good example). I see by the many comments, that her niceness matched her intelligence.

Rest in peace.

Carolyn K Davis, Kirkland, QC

Carolyn K Davis - February 09, 2020 at 08:00 PM

SM

“ I will miss Mary Lou and her welcoming smile. I always enjoyed our visits. She had a passion for life; an authentic caring for and interest in the people she met; she was so proud of her family; and she loved conversation...! Love and Light on your next journey!

Sandra Maltby-Mills - February 01, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ I met Mary Lou when i took care of Jim at the house. i was his PSW. Your mom said i could always make Jim laugh. Your Mom Was a Great Lady.

Janet Slack - January 31, 2020 at 05:44 AM

JS

“ Janet Slack lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty



Janet Slack - January 31, 2020 at 05:39 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear, Mary Lou was a valued volunteer with Sydenham Hospital Auxiliary for many years. The community work done by Mary Lou and by Jim truly made a difference in Wallaceburg, that difference will be remembered. Sincere sympathy from Mari Cole and Stan Jackson.

Mari Cole - January 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ I met Mary-Lou playing Trivia and she was such a smart lady with all the answers. She was kind compassionate and just fun. Loved her company

Sharon Smith - January 30, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JL

“ Our sincere condolences to Jamie, Cameron, Vickie and family on the loss of your mom. We are keeping you all in thought and prayer. RIP Mary Lou



Janice Linton - January 30, 2020 at 10:06 AM

GS

“ Gay Schepens lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty



Gay Schepens - January 30, 2020 at 09:40 AM

TP

“ Teeniet Pettinger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Tumelty



Teeniet Pettinger - January 30, 2020 at 08:44 AM

ED

“ Emer And Dale Dudley lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty



Emer and Dale Dudley - January 30, 2020 at 07:59 AM

BT

“ Betty Tack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Tumelty



Betty Tack - January 30, 2020 at 07:36 AM

JD

“ It was a pleasure getting to know MaryLou as a customer when she lived on the Snye. One of my favourite work stories involved your mother “outing me” after I denied several times being pregnant with our third child, she was convinced she was right and wanted to congratulate me. (She knew before my family) I always found her stories fascinating and loved her quick wit.
My sincerest condolences,
Julie Van Damme (All Seasons Nursery and Flowers)

Julie Van Damme - January 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

ED

“ Emer And Dale Dudley lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty



Emer and Dale Dudley - January 29, 2020 at 10:05 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty*



Gerry Flynn - January 29, 2020 at 08:43 PM

SL

“ *Sherri Lohnes lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty*

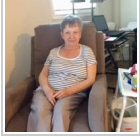


Sherri Lohnes - January 29, 2020 at 08:39 PM

SL

“ *My memories of MaryLou are about love and joy and caring. Love of her children and the beautiful home she and Jim shared on the water in Wallaceburg, joy in spending as much time as they could with their children Jamie and Vicki and their wonderful grand children, and caring... so much caring... they cared about everyone and everything. They were so kind and generous to me and my boys. They treated us like family. While I hadn't seen MaryLou in many years, I thought of her often and will always remember her when I look at the beautiful quilt she made for me and surprised me with one Christmas. You touched many lives sweet MaryLou. Rest now. You lived a full life and so many of us are far better for having known you.*

Sherri Lohnes - January 29, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Kimberly Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Tumelty*



Kimberly Smith - January 29, 2020 at 05:20 PM

AJ

“ *It was truly a blessing to be able to be a part of Mary Lou's care. My condolences to Jamie and Vicki*

Aimee Johnston - January 29, 2020 at 04:32 PM

MC

“ *Mary Lou always showed me kindness. An incredibly beautiful person and will be greatly missed by many many friends*

Michelle Chepeka - January 29, 2020 at 04:30 PM

BS

“ *Jamie and Vickie and families. I quilted with your Mom at the Church in Wallaceburg and shared the !l've of a Black Lab. Sorry to hear of nd passing.*



Brenda Stokes - January 29, 2020 at 04:16 PM

MK

“ My Aunt MaryLou was a wonderful woman who was instrumental in teaching me so many things from when I was a sad and lonely teenager who needed her special mind of love and support - to when we celebrated my accomplishments in my business career and personal life as an adult. I hope that someday I will be just half the woman she was and, although I'm sad that she's gone - and I thought she'd live forever - she will live on in my memory as a kind and generous woman with a huge heart who was also an awesome hugger!!! RIP my darling. Love always and forever with gratitude and respect. Your loving niece Margot Jane.



Margot Kempton - January 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM

AM

“ Ariel Mann sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Tumelty



Ariel Mann - January 29, 2020 at 02:06 PM