



Olive How-Findlay

January 4, 2024

Olive How-Findlay nee Williams passed away at Bear Creek Terrace Nursing Home on Thursday January 4th, at the age of 98.

Olive is survived by daughters Jocelyn McCallum (Jim) and Sheila Martin (the late John), grandchildren Eric Johnston and Brander Martin, and several great grandchildren. She is predeceased by siblings Una, Roland and Ian of England, husbands Tom How and Alan Findlay, and grandchildren Maran and Shauna Johnston.

Olive came to Canada from England as a war bride in 1946 with husband Ray Matthews. The couple settled in Wallaceburg. Here she worked alongside her husband Ray at Matthews Insurance . She eventually retired from Libby's as a lab technician.

She lived in North Carolina for 10 years, with husband Alan Findlay before returning to Wallaceburg in 2005.

When she wasn't at home, Olive could often be found volunteering around the community for many charities and other organizations, the library being her absolute favorite . Olive was always an avid reader.

She was an artist at heart, and spent much of her free time sewing, gardening

and painting. She was an excellent baker, and an independent spirit who loved to travel. Olive lived on her own well into her 90's, and could frequently be found out walking, enjoying the bustle of downtown.

She will be greatly missed.

As per her wishes, there will be no service. Her cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home (409 Nelson St. Wallaceburg 519-627-323) and she will return to England at a later date. If you wish to make a donation in her memory, please consider the CKHA – Sydenham Campus or the C.N.I.B. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall

KA

“Olive was always sweet and loved to talk about the gardens. She shared many memories with me about the flowers back in England. She was truly a gem and I'm thankful for our chats.

Kassandra - January 22, 2024 at 07:06 PM

CG

“Fond memories of her drop in visits to the bank. Thoughts and prayers are with you Sheila and family.



Carolyn Gallerno - January 15, 2024 at 07:07 PM

KP

“So sorry to hear about your mom, Sheila. She was such a sweet lady. Prayers and hugs to you and your family.



Kevin and Sue Poole - January 10, 2024 at 12:11 PM

PA

“So sorry to hear of Olive's passing. I will miss her sweet smile. Rest in Paradise Dear Olive.

Paula Stylist/Barber Bear Creek Terrace



Paula - January 10, 2024 at 10:28 AM

KP

“ Kevin Pearson lit a candle in memory of Olive How-Findlay



Kevin Pearson - January 10, 2024 at 10:13 AM

NA

“ Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Olive How-Findlay



Norma Authier - January 10, 2024 at 07:21 AM

LP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with yous all



Lola and Matt Pamer - January 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM

HH

“ Such a wonderful lady. Her visits to the library was a joy to her. I enjoyed her talks and memories. She had a positive attitude toward life and the people. So sorry to hear of her passing.



Harvey and Susan Handsor - January 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM

TW

“ *She was an English rose...her soft accent, so easy to listen to...what a long life to acknowledge and what she experienced in her lifetime of 98 years...I'll remember her. Fondly Ted Westbrook*

Ted Westbrook - January 09, 2024 at 05:57 PM

RY

“ *Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Olive How-Findlay*



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - January 09, 2024 at 03:33 PM

BC

“ *Our condolences, Sheila, Jocelyn and families. Such a lovely lady. Worked with at Libby's Don and Berneida Childs.*



Berneida Childs - January 09, 2024 at 03:04 PM

CC

“ *My sincere condolences Sheila, Brander and Delilah. I got to know Olive when she lived over the office and thought she was a lovely lady. My thoughts are with you and your family.*



Carol Conway - January 09, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of your Mother passing. Sincerely Brent and Cindy

Cindy and Brent Pearson - January 09, 2024 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ She was a gracious, lovely lady and a visit with her was a highlight of my day. To Sheila, Jocelyn and families, our sincere sympathy.
John and Diana Mathany

john and Diana Mathany - January 09, 2024 at 12:54 PM

RB

“ Ron Maryanne Brooks lit a candle in memory of Olive How-Findlay



Ron and Maryanne Brooks - January 09, 2024 at 12:46 PM

ED

“ Sheila and Brander please accept our sincere condolences. Olive was such a true lady and it was a pleasure knowing her

Emer and Dale - January 09, 2024 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ I have good memories of working with Olive, many laughs etc. Olive was the finest example of a real lady in actions and words.



Theresa Freeburn - January 09, 2024 at 10:21 AM

MS

“ Rick and I send our sincere condolences to Sheila, Brander & Olive's entire family. May your Mom rest in Peace.



Marjory & Rick Smith - January 09, 2024 at 10:14 AM

GM

“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Olive How-Findlay



George McGaffey - January 09, 2024 at 08:45 AM

ST

“ I remember Olive being a wonderful person as she was the mom of my friend Jocelyn my condolences to Jocelyn Sheilagh and extended family

Susan Teal - January 09, 2024 at 08:41 AM

PS

“ Brander and family, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for healing of your hearts and big hugs to everyone.



Pam & George Scott - January 08, 2024 at 11:24 PM

JB

“ Dear Sheila, so sorry for your loss. Olive was a frequent visitor at the main post office in town and I loved to chat and hear her stories... may she rest in peace, ❤️ Jackie and Dave Burnett



Jackie Burnett - January 08, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JF

“ Our condolences to the entire family. We have fond memories of visiting her and my father, Allan Findlay, in Cornelius, NC on Lake Norman. We appreciated her efforts to entertain our sons during our visits and her hospitality to us. And we will always be grateful for her care for Dad as his health declined. We remember Olive fondly.

John Findlay - January 08, 2024 at 07:34 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathies Shieila, Brander, Jocelyn and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom



Janice Conway - January 08, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LF

“ Sheila, Jocelyn and family. So sorry for your loss. Olive always had a smile and like the butterfly loved to go where ever her heart felt it was time to see something new. She was so knowledgeable about so many things and loved spending time with all of her family. She was a go getter and will always be here in spirit. Prayers Laurie Foster



laurie foster - January 08, 2024 at 06:30 PM

SG

“ *Sending my condolences on the passing of your Mom, Jocelyn and Sheila.*
Sandy Gibbons



Sandy Gibbons - January 08, 2024 at 04:23 PM

LB

“ *Our condolences to Jocelyn, Sheila, family and friends. Olive and Ray were friends of my parents many years ago. Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother*



Lance Babcock - January 08, 2024 at 03:52 PM