



Peacefully in her 94th year, Jean passed away after a brave battle with COVID-19. Jean was a resident at Christie Gardens Apartments, Toronto for 14 years. Predeceased by her husband Roy Leslie Richardson. Jean and Roy were devoted members of Fairlawn Avenue United Church.

Above all, it was her family that mattered most to Jean. She was a proud mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Jean will be greatly missed by her daughter Donna Keniger and son-in-law, Bev, of Winchester, UK, and their children: Christopher (Gerri), Michael (Louisa) and Mary Kamara, and

grandchildren, Joshua, Evie, Jacob, and Joy; son Mark Richardson and daughter-in-law Julie in Bayfield and their children: Leslie (Ari), Lauren, Lisa (Drew), Taylor, Brock, and Trent; daughter Mary Ellen Richardson and son-in-law Stephen Dunk of Toronto and their children: Jessica, Michael, Kevin, and Mark.

Jean was born and raised in Toronto and worked as a schoolteacher. After marrying Roy, she left full-time teaching to raise her three children and manage the household. They became members of Fairlawn church and were involved with the Sunday School, UCW, with the family 9:30 service, and as elders and in the "Couples Club" in which they formed many lifetime friendships. Jean and Roy spent many happy hours at their cottage in Tiny Township on Georgian Bay, which became a gathering place for many incredibly happy family events.

Jean was a devoted grandmother and enjoyed her grandchildren's successes; attending all events that she was able to. She was their most dedicated audience member and unfailing supporter. This continued through her time at Christie Gardens where Kevin and Mark would come and perform concerts for the residents.

Jean was a kind, gracious, gentle, patient, and compassionate lady, who made friends easily. Her family often found her "chatting up" some new acquaintance on the street or in the hallway of her residence at Christie Gardens. She always looked out for others and helped those in need.



Jean enabled our success, and she was always a willing participant in anything family related. Roy would arrange innumerable family and friend events, often involving long winding road trips, for which Jean would plan and prepare copious and delicious meals—for cottage, camper, or picnic table. Admittedly, we took her devotion 'as a given'—moving back home to be cared for after a failed marriage, receiving loving and reliable childcare, endless meal preparation, avid and patient Cribbage playing with grandchildren. We may have been the "front office" players, but she was the back-office crew and loving support.

Jean was loved. By her families and her friends. And, she loved in return. Oh, what a party there will be in heaven with those who have gone before. Her parting words to her Toronto family were encouragement: "You are wonderful", and-to live by: "keep doing things."

And we will. And your spirit will stay with us .

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever"

A. A. Milne



Submitted by Mary Ellen Richardson

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