



Anne Marie (Ronan) De Grosbois 1920-2014

Peacefully, on September 4, 2014, at Victoria Village Manor, Barrie. Beloved wife of 51 years to Paul who passed away in 2001. Marie was born in Colgan, Ontario on September 7, 1920. She is survived by her nine children: Stephen (Judy) of Bracebridge, Robert of Toronto, Edward of Barrie, Marc (Celine) of Niagara-on-the-Lake, William of North Bay, Anne Marie (Joerg Matschullat) of Freiberg, Germany, John (Dana) of Burlington, Florence Friel (Vincent) of Barrie, and Teresa of Calgary. She is also survived by her brother William (Frances) of Beeton, Ontario, son in-law Andrew Fox and daughter in-law Diane de Grosbois. Marie dearly loved her fifteen wonderful grand-children: Kristin, John, Joshua, and Adam; Christian; Ezra; Alexandra, Amy, Thomas, Catherine, Jane and Tara; Rae and Fiona; and Adalyn and Karina. There is one great grandchild, Owen and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her brothers Hugh, Rev Edward Ronan CSB and her sister Rita. Marie graduated from University of Western Ontario (Assumption College, Windsor) with a degree in liberal arts in 1941. During and immediately after WWII she worked at the National Research Council, the Canadian Geographical Journal and at the Catholic Center (University of Ottawa) in Ottawa. She married Paul in 1949 while he was still in the Army and subsequently travelled with him to seven different cities as he pursued his career in medicine. They finally decided that North Bay, Ontario was the ideal place to raise their family and lived there for many years. In retirement, she migrated happily with Paul between Aylen Lake, Ontario and Tampa Florida. After Paul passed away in 2001, she resided at various times in Petawawa, Mississauga and Midhurst Ontario. She loved reading and keeping files on a wide range of subjects which interested her and could provide research on an amazing number of topics long before the internet was created. She encouraged Paul to purchase one of the very first personal computers (an Osborne). In her later years she became especially interested in nutrition and health and truly believed that you are what you eat. Her recipe for a happy life was based on seeing the good in people and trying to draw it out. On the last day of the year she would always make time to name her blessings and count them. She leaves this world a better place for her generous, loving presence. The family wish to thank the nursing staff and personal support workers at Victoria Village Manor for their loving and attentive care of Marie. Friends may call at ADAMS FUNERAL HOME (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie) on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 2 pm to 4 pm and from 7pm to 9 pm. Mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic church, Barrie. Interment at St Lawrence O'Toole Pioneer Cemetery, Barry's Bay, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial donation to your favourite charity. Marie's favourite charity was: Esk-OMI Missions, PO Box 159, St. Norbert, MB R3V 1L6