



## WINGROVE, Colleen Germain

Past President of Oshawa Seniors Citizen Centre and Parkview Place Board of Directors. Retired from Zellers after 28 years. Member of Simcoe Street United Church.

After months of battling cancer our Mom, Colleen, has gone to a better place. No more suffering. No more pain. She was one of the most intelligent, courageous and strongest women we ever knew and she will be missed by all very much. Mom loved her family very much and took every opportunity to let us know. Peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at the age of 90. Loving mom of Kathryn Ranger, Leesa Wagg, Lorna Wherry (late Chris) and Bill Wingrove (Maria). Devoted grandma of Luvera Ranger, Robert Ranger, Matthew Wagg (Kati-Beth), David Wagg, James Wingrove, Michael Wingrove and great-grandma to Kieran, Kaylin, John, Taylor, Morgan and Riley. Sister of Elsie Mooney (late Colin), the late Luvera Rondeau (late Peter), the late William Hilton (Dorothy) and the late Robert Hilton (Marie). Relatives and friends will be received at **McIntosh-Anderson-Kellam Funeral Home Ltd.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Wednesday September 25, 2019 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm. A memorial service will be held on Thursday September 26 at 1 pm in the funeral home chapel. Donations in memory of Colleen can be made to Bob Rumball Camp of the Deaf for Children. A special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Palliative Care Floor 4F for their exceptional care.

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## Condolences

Sep 19, 2019

Ivan and Marsha-Lea Smith

Aunt Con was an incredibly strong, caring, and independent woman who was respected and loved by all who knew her. She was a survivor who triumphed over years of health challenges that would have defeated most of us, and she achieved 90 years of age.

She had an incredible memory for birthdays and other family events, and a great sense of humor.

She had endless love for her family, including her extended family. Aunt Con traveled to Alberta to attend our son Gary's wedding. She also prepared a wonderful letter of reference for our daughter Tracy when she applied for her first job at Zellers. These are just a couple of examples of her love for extended family. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Our thoughts and prayers for all who are grieving her passing.

Sep 21, 2019

**Dayleen and Gary Soule**

I was 10 and my home had burned to the ground. We were homeless and Aunt Con took us in. I was terrified about our situation and our future. So much worry and confusion for a 10 year old. So, I hid in the basement behind the furnace. Aunt Con found me, wrapped her arms around me and held me close. I knew everything would be alright. My Auntie is always with me and always in my heart. Dayleen

I will always remember Aunt Con as one of the most benevolent and caring people I have ever known. Her support helping her fellow residents and advocating for so many others regardless of age, culture or politics is memorable. She has been a family rock, tireless, humorous and always loving. She will be missed so much and will always be in our hearts. Gary

Sep 23, 2019

**Anthony Mele & Family**

Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sep 24, 2019

**Peter Child**

There hasn't been a time in the lives of our family in Canada since 1958 that didn't include Colleen, her family and kids. Colleen's parents; Bill and Ruby Hilton put us up in their house for 6 months in the summer of 1958, allowing us to get a foothold in Canada. They and the "kids"; Colleen, Elsie, Luverra and Bill and their extended families introduced us to life here and made us feel most welcome. I fondly remember having my first cold salad; an aspic, served from a Coke cooler while splashing in the waters of a conservation area with the Wingroves. The first of many new things for an English kid. One day with the Wingroves at Ross's mothers house, a large snake crawled out into the back yard where we were gathered. Ross's mother calmly grabbed an axe and chopped it in half. You don't see that every day in England.

Colleen came from a long line of strong women including her mother Ruby; a prairie girl from Unity, Saskatchewan. I'm sure she was key to young Bill Hilton's survival in the prairies in the early 1920's, as he and his 2 brothers; Art and Perry, tried to homestead near Cutknife. Colleen's grandmother; Elizabeth Halford was orphaned at 8 years old and forced to work for her living as a child in a shoe factory in Northampton, England in the 1880s. The backbone, spirit, spit and vinegar displayed by those women certainly ran through Colleen and her family. We'll miss her greatly.

Condolences to the family from Pete, Ola, Anne Marie Child and Linda Kennedy