

DOREEN MARGARET GILLESPIE

02-Jul-1931 - 31-Dec-2021

Doreen Margaret Gillespie

It is with sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Doreen at the age of 90 on December 31, 2021 at Oakpark Retirement Community. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Lloyd, her daughter Adele (Steven Colbourne), and her two grandchildren Hannah (Brady McGugan), Benjamin and her beloved sister Marleen (Dean Geddes). Doreen will be missed by her nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and extended family.

Predeceased by daughter Elan (Robert Scarth), sister Janet (Wilbert Schultz), mother Vina and father David Morrow.

Doreen was the kindest and most generous of souls who always had a smile on her face and love in her heart for anyone she knew. Family meant everything to her and she devoted her life to raising her two daughters. Many family gatherings were held in the early years at the family farm where she grew up helping her mother and father run a large mixed farming operation along with her sisters in Douglas, Ontario. Later the family would often gather at each other's homes as the family grew and spread across Ottawa and the Valley.

Always eager to travel, her adventures included many long and well-planned summer camping trips to Florida, California, Arizona, Texas and the like. Later spending winters in Florida and trips to Palm Springs California upon retirement. However, Doreen's passion along with her husband's was Scottish Country Dancing where they belonged to the Ottawa branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society and other Scottish Dancing Clubs in Florida. Attending many hours of classes, social gathering, and balls over many decades. Doreen loved music, dancing, and singing and cherished the friends, family, and good times that accompanied their enjoyment.

Thank you to the staff at Oakpark for all their care and support.

Arrangements for a celebration of life are being made for spring 2022, details to come.

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