



## Neville, Mary Elizabeth Ruth (Lantz)

June 9, 1923 - August 11, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that Mary passed away peacefully on Wednesday August 11, 2021 at Hospice Halifax. She was the wife of George Orville Neville, and mother to Shirley (Jim Miller) Dartmouth, Murray of Pictou, Chari (Jim Pilla) Dartmouth and Denyse (Vikram Venugopal) of Dartmouth. She was a loving Grand-mother to Karyn Jourdeuil (Kevin Schleich) Virginia, and Lyndsay Bruce (Lower Sackville). She has one remaining sibling Jean West of Fredericton, at the young age of 94.

Mary was born in Fox River, NS and attended school in Advocate Harbour. She moved to Pictou, NS where she met and married Orville. She worked at the Telephone Company as a switchboard operator, the Royal Bank of Canada as a teller, and many years at the Edward Mortimer Place.

Mary had a fantastic sense of humour and could tell a story with a single eye roll. She was very tech savvy for her age embracing cell phones, iPads, Facebook, and FaceTime. She was a great bowler and golfer and spent many days at the Pictou Golf Club.

Mary gave of herself in many ways. Being the universal blood donor, she gave frequently, until they refused to take it any longer. She did volunteer work and was awarded a 70 year pin through the IOOF Rebecca Lodge in Pictou where she held several positions including Noble Grand. She was a very active

Kinette with the Pictou Kinsmen and Kinette Club.

She moved to Dartmouth, NS to help care for her Grand-daughter Karyn and stayed in Dartmouth for the remainder of her years. She loved kids and pets but especially her “darlin” Lucy Jean, a white toy poodle, who also passed away this year at the age of 17.

Mary spent many a day on a beach with her kids, three of whom became swimming instructors, although she did not swim herself. She was the “lifeguard extraordinaire” for the youth of Pictou. She loved to travel with her kids to many different places with their military postings. She preferred country music and could be heard asking Alexa to play a particular piece for her. Alexa was a good friend if the house was empty and will no doubt get a well deserved rest due to her passing.

She was a very avid crossword puzzle solver, doing them daily until her final day. She could solve cryptoquotes in a heart beat as well the word unscramblers and Lexicons. She did her best to make it to the Queen’s scroll but stopped just shy of that 100 year mark.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Halifax Hospice for their tender loving care of our Mom in her final weeks. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Halifax Hospice would be greatly appreciated. They do an exceptional job of caring for their residents in the final stages of life. They even fulfilled her request of making sure she left head first as she was adamant she was not leaving feet first!

Cremation has taken place. Internment of ashes and a celebration of life will occur at a later date.

Rest In Peace Mom until we meet again.....we all love you dearly and will

miss you terribly.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neville, Mary Elizabeth Ruth ( Lantz).*



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August 22, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *Denyse.*

*Your Mum was a lovely lady and I know you are going to miss her. My sincere condolences to you and your family . . . Hugs.*

*Pat Noddin*

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**Pat Noddin** - August 19, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family. Losing a relative is always difficult, but losing a Mom, grandmom is especially hard. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*Juergen and Louise*

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**Louise Riedel** - August 18, 2021 at 11:59 PM

DP

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing.... She was a fine lady with a very sharp mind...I was pleased to have chatted with her on the phone a couple times and we did a face time also...Sending condolences to her family at this sad time....Sincerely Dorothy Parker.

Dorothy Parker - August 18, 2021 at 03:40 PM

MM

“ Mary had a wonderful laugh! When I think of her I remember travelling with her & Shirley (from a dental appointment in New Glasgow ) singing “ I did it my way” with great energy & volume. Wonderful woman Deepest sympathy ❤️👍

Mary Jane MacKinnon - August 18, 2021 at 09:55 AM

CB

“ Dear Murray and family, we are so sorry to read about your mother's passing. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. ~ Alex & Claire Brown

Claire and Alex Brown - August 18, 2021 at 09:01 AM

RU

“ Ruth lit a candle in memory of Neville, Mary Elizabeth Ruth ( Lantz)



Ruth - August 17, 2021 at 03:54 PM

 Ellen  
Fanning

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was such a wonderful lady, and the awesome mom to one of my longest and dearest friends (for 55+ years - Denyse). I had the cherished opportunity to facetime with Mary on her 98th birthday. She was still as sharp as a tack, and had the same laugh I remember as a child. Deepest condolences to Denyse, Shirley, Chari, Murray and families. May her memories bring you comfort. ((Hugs)).



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**Ellen Fanning** - August 17, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JH

“ Condolences and prayers to you, Denyse, and your siblings, and your families. God bless!  
John Halverson

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**John Halverson** - August 17, 2021 at 09:43 AM