



## Mary Eileen Wilcox

April 5, 1946 - August 15, 2024

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Mary Wilcox, 78, of Halifax, passed away August 15, 2024, in Halifax. She was born in St Stephen, NB to Leonard and Eileen Wilcox of Pennfield. Mary went to Dalhousie University (BSc, Pharmacy 1968), Western (Journalism 1973), and Saint Mary's (BA 2000).

She spent her early days as a reporter at the CBC in Charlottetown and Fredericton before settling in Halifax. She covered news and elections around the Maritimes as a national radio reporter before becoming a news editor. At the end of her career, she taught new tech to colleagues across Canada before retiring from the CBC in 1997.

She continued to work doing freelance journalism, writing and editorial work. She remained active in journalism and education - teaching in the School of Journalism at the University of King's College and assisting at the Seniors College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS). She also started a Maritime newsletter for the CBC

Pensioners National Association and volunteered with the Women for Music Society.

In addition to news, Mary enjoyed books, the arts and travel. She travelled widely having been to Japan, Fiji, Australia, China, Russia, St Pierre et Miquelon, the U.S. and various Canadian locations, including the Territories.

Above all, Mary valued people. She cherished long standing friendships while creating new ones. She always loved seeing and hearing from family and friends.

Mary is survived by her brother David (Saint John), sister-in-law Patsy (Pennfield), nephews and nieces Scott (Montreal), Mark (Calgary), Vicki (Ottawa), Tammy (Oromocto), and Tom (Pennfield).

She was predeceased by her parents, brother John, niece Tina, and sister-in-law Connie.

Family and friends are invited to gather at Cruickshank's Halifax Funeral Home on August 26, 2024 from 1 to 3 to share remembrances. A reception will also be held at the St. George Curling Club on August 28 from 1 to 2, immediately followed by interment at St. George Rural Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Real friends are rare, you have only a few in a lifetime, and the ones you do find you need to treasure. Mary was one of those rare people who I met through the Seniors' College and we shared a love of books, good conversations and excellent coffee. We worked together for Women for Music, long hours at Book Sales after she had put together the Publicity with her expertise and connections. She was one of the "Russia group", an experience we often recalled with pleasure. I am going to miss her, she was a fine person and a dear friend.*

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**Shirley Dean** - August 23, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Mary was an excellent editor, mentor and colleague but above all she was a kind and compassionate human being. She always seemed genuinely glad to see you and always had a kind word to share. I'm sure wherever she's gone, she's correcting someone's usage of a word or fixing a grammatical error and doing it with gusto. RIP Mary.*

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**Jean Laroche** - August 23, 2024 at 11:27 AM