



Mildred Ayres

November 24, 1930 - September 23, 2021

Mildred Ayres (née Smith), 90, passed away September 23, 2021 in Halifax, NS. Born November 24, 1930 in Grand Bank, NF, she was the daughter of the late Martha Matthews and William Smith. "Millie" was the life of the party and the heart of her family. She lit up any room she was in, and oh my, the stories she would tell!! She loved her NF music, esp. Harry Hibbs. She would play her accordion or spoons and be right in her element. Millie's best times, and ours, her family, were these gatherings. She rarely missed one! She was a busy lady raising five children in NL and then two more when the family moved to Ferguson's Cove, NS. Seven children, Lard Tunderin', she was one busy lady! During her early years, she could be found tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, knitting, and she was a marvelous cook and baker. Everyone who tried her homemade bread, sweet and sour meatballs or heavenly lemon meringue pie can vouch for this! Dances at the Purcell's Cove Club on weekends were something she cherished. Millie was employed at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron for many years as Head Waitress. She then worked at the Dixon Centre, QE II, in the kitchen until she retired. Millie loved to travel to visit her grown children, often taking the bus to visit her daughter, Sarah, and family in Little River, Digby Co. Or taking the ferry to her daughter Judy's place in Saint John, NB. She also loved to spend time with her sister, Blanche, having ice cream at the Dingle. Her regular calls from her children were the highlight of her day. Lloyd, Dewey, Nancy, all brought her yummy meals in the past few years. Her favorite was "Love Soup" made by

her son Jim. Her freezer was always fully stocked!! She will remain a constant source of love and wonderful memories by her family and friends. She loved her dear cat Cinder who remained her constant companion at her home where she lived until she moved to palliative care. Millie was predeceased by her husband, Harold Ayres, brothers Frank, John and Fred Smith, sister Blanche Lewis, son Keith, son-in law Joey Mitchell, and grandsons Chris and Shawn Mitchell. She is survived by her loving children, Lloyd (Kim), Dewey (Darlene), James (Alison), Judy (Gary), Sarah (Travis), Nancy, daughter-in-law Shenna. And her grandchildren Matthew, Mark, Brandy, Jennifer, Scott, Jamie, Emily, Jessica, Brittney, Morgan, Brandon and Chandler, special Great Grandson Owen, and 13 great grandchildren. Special thank you to Bayshore Home Health, Dr. H. Matheson, VON and the staff at the Palliative Care Unit at the VG. A Graveside Service will be held in late October. Donations can be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation in lieu of flowers. "Our mother always taught us to be strong, because she knew that one day we would need the strength to bear her loss."

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *My Deepest Sympathy; I never knew your Mother, but I was friends with her son Keith- he was a Very Nice Man!*

Dave Phillips - October 12, 2021 at 08:31 PM

SA

“ *Missing your voice on our daily phone calls Momma . i will continue talking to you everyday.....Love you Momma❤️*

Sarah - October 09, 2021 at 06:55 AM

FM

“ *Charles and I are sending our deepest condolences to the family on the loss of their mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her obituary captures her joie de vivre, spirit. She was a centre for her family who loved her unconditionally as she did them. It was a pleasure to know Millie. She will be missed.*



Flossie Myhill - October 07, 2021 at 09:16 AM

JO

“ *Sarah and family, thinking of you all during this difficult time. Such a beautiful tribute to a woman who meant so much to your family, May you find comfort in the memories of such a wonderful woman.*

Jeanette O'Rourke

Jeanette O'Rourke - October 07, 2021 at 07:42 AM

EG

“ Sincere sympathy to the Ayres family. Please take solace and strength from the fact that your mother has set the example for your life lessons.
Liz Gordon

Elizabeth Gordon - October 06, 2021 at 09:49 AM

BC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mildred's passing. She was such a cheerful happy person and I always enjoyed taking to her. I'd like to offer my condolences to the Ayres family.

Blair Christian - October 05, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JS

“ Judy, Sarah and all the family , thinking of you at this very sad time .
Julie xx

julie scott - October 05, 2021 at 01:57 PM

PM

“ My deepest sympathies to all of you. When I think of Mrs. Ayres, I smile as I remember her kind manner, sweet smile and always a twinkle in her eye. Living next door to the Ayres family in Ferguson's Cove brings back warm childhood memories. She will always be in your hearts.
Pam (Joudrey) Myatt

Pam Myatt - October 05, 2021 at 10:09 AM

EL

“ Sarah, our sincere condolences to you and your brothers and sister. May your family and friends surround you with love at this difficult time.

Lewis & Elena

Elena & Lewis - October 05, 2021 at 08:56 AM

LR

“ Jamie - I read your Nan's obituary and she sounds like such an amazing lady. Reading the stories I could picture her and she reminded me so much of my own family and times growing up in NL. You have so many treasured memories to reflect on. Sending you lots of love - Jean (John) and Lori - xo

Lori Robert - October 05, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BA

“ Sorry on the loss of your Mom, I remember her as a kind nice lady to us kids in Ferguson's Cove. Years ago sending hugs and condolences to the family.
Blanche Snow Armsworthy

Blanche Snow Armsworthy - October 05, 2021 at 05:39 AM

WZ

“ I remember the summer trips with Mom and Dad visiting Aunt Mildred, Uncle Harold and the family. We stayed at the house in Ferguson's Cove many times. Aunt Mildred always welcomed us with open arms. Rest easy Aunt Mildred. Love to everyone. ❤️

Wanda Zinck - October 04, 2021 at 09:44 PM

AC

“ *Mildred was a hard working lady who loved her family. She will be sadly missed. Prayers to the family...*

Arlene Cooper - October 04, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JA

“ *Will miss my mother very much. She had the biggest heart* 💖

Jim Ayres - October 04, 2021 at 07:33 PM