



## Mildred Joan Sampson

July 10, 1936 - November 18, 2024

Mildred Sampson, known affectionately to friends and family as Millie, passed away peacefully this week at the Northwood Care Home in Halifax, N.S.

Millie was born in Halifax on July 10, 1936, to William and Louise Briand. She later married Francis Sampson, of L'Ardoise, and the couple raised their two children, Jerome and Neil, on Birmingham Street in downtown Halifax.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband Francis, brother Wayne and sister Viola, and is survived by her sons Jerome (Maria) and Neil Sampson, grandchildren Jessica (Scott), Jennifer (Ben), Andrew (Jake), Matthew and Anna, great-grandchildren Olivia, Cameron and Ethan, and many special friends.

Millie was one-of-a-kind. If she loved you, you knew it. And if you disappointed her, or even if she didn't like your latest haircut, you knew that too. She could make quick work of the crypto quote, and even quicker work of anyone who crossed her. But underneath her tough exterior, she led with love. If she was proud of you, she'd let everyone in her vicinity know. This was clear in the mementos she saved over the years, from a newspaper article about Neil's promotion at work, or the box scores from Jerome's old baseball and basketball games, to the countless photos of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren that adorned her walls.

Her sons were her pride and joy, something she never tired of telling them, but that pride grew to encompass everyone else in their circle too. Many of Jerome and Neil's friends considered her something of a second mother. Everyone was welcome to come by and even to crash on the couch after a night on the town. When the family finally sold their home on Birmingham Street, she had to issue a call to get all the many keys she'd handed out to them over the years back. Many of these surrogate sons continued to come to her Christmas Eve parties well into adulthood, when they had kids of their own – and those kids, too, have fond memories of Millie, and the personalized Gingerbread Men she'd bake every year.

In her later years, Millie lived on Liverpool Street, in the West End, where she was a key fixture of the neighborhood. She loved playing darts at the Mess, going to bingo at the Forum, having breakfast or lunch at the Cozy Snack Bar (she even kept her own Coffee Mate on retainer at the restaurant!) – and checking in with her neighbors, many of whom became close friends.

We will miss her terribly but are grateful to have had so many years with her. A special thanks to Millie's friends and staff who she called her extended family at Northwood on Floor 3 who took such loving care of her until she passed.

A funeral service will be held at St. Catherine's Parish on Bayers Road on Tuesday, Dec. 3. at 11 a.m. with a reception in the Church Hall to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the charity of your choice.

"No Flowers By request"

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *What a lovely tribute! The best Christmas memories always include Mildred. She always brought us so much joy and laughter. I'm sure Francis and her are enjoying a good laugh together again.*

**Katelyn Smith** - November 28, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *Mildred was a kind and loving individual who went out of her way to make people happy*

*jean scott*

**Jean Scott** - November 28, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JS

*My name is Jean and my sister was named Cookie . My parents grew up with your Parents and spent many summers in LArdoise with them . Many a party was held at our Home on Sackville St where all Cape Bretoners Were welcomed . Louise and Badger came to our Home many a time and good times were had by all. I stood for Little Violas wedding to neil Au coin . Mildred loved to dance and sing . Every time i landed in the mess at Stadacona she would grab Donnie to dance . she loved to jive with Donnie . I first remembered her when she first Francis she had two men interested in her and she picked Francis A lovely man . Your Mother was kind and a very caring person . May she Rip Jean Scott & Don Campagna*

**Jean Scott** - February 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM

CM

“ My condolences to the families. I remember your grandparents Louise and William (mom and dad use to call him Badger) and also when you lived next door to us on Birmingham St. My family use to go and spend summers in L'Ardoise and visit with your grandparents. They lived in a little house at the start of Sampson Rd. I didn't know your mom and dad very well as I was quite young.but my mom and dad (Fabie & Lena Briand) knew them. Prayers will be said for your mom. God Bless you all.

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**Caroline Morrison** - November 28, 2024 at 03:50 AM

AG

“ My Sincere condolences on Mildred's passing.  
Anne Goguen( Anne Pottie)

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**Anne Goguen** - November 26, 2024 at 05:53 PM

SP

“ Memories of my sweet & dear cousin are so many hard to choose but I tell you I loved picking her & Francis up taking them to grocery store but first for breakfast & I had many fond memories of them both. R.I.P. always cousin Sandra .

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**Sandra Pottie** - November 26, 2024 at 12:01 PM

KK

Our whole family loved Millie she made us feel her love through her acts of kindness and inclusion in her family. Christmas was always a special time of celebration and love on Birmingham and Liverpool Streets she made room in her heart and home for us and each of our children as they came along. Her homemade Gingerbread men adorned with each of their names were the highlight of their Christmas Eve memories. Our memories of dear Francis were equally special with his handcrafted rocking horse the children loved so much. Fly among the angels dear Millie you were a very special angel to our whole family. ❤️ 🙏❤️

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**Keith, Maureen, Jeff, Jordan, Katelun** - November 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM

GS

*Our condolences to Jerome, Neil and family. Loosing a loved one is never easy. Your memories will always keep mom close. I lived on Morris St. and have many fawn memories playing street hockey with Jerome and Neil. Sending much love and prayers to your family ❤️  
Greg Sampson and family.*

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**Greg Sampson** - November 28, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JS

*I took communion to Millie in Northwood and always looked forward to visiting her...My sincere condolences,  
Jack Swan November 30/24*

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**Jack Swan** - November 30, 2024 at 07:26 PM