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It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Moyra Jessie (Jeffrey) Shillington, in Truro, Nova Scotia. Born and raised in Cowdenbeath, Scotland, Moyra's small town Scottish upbringing shaped her into the generous, stoic, and determined individual that so many of us came to rely on through our lives.

Moyra was an adventurous girl who was not afraid to set out on her own path. In her early years she was stationed in Malta, where she worked for the British Air Force. After hitchhiking back to Scotland, she began her training as a registered nurse in England. It was there that she formed a circle of friends with whom she embarked on numerous escapades over the years. Despite being spread across the globe, they remained in regular contact and they were there for mom any time she needed them.

After nursing training, Moyra moved to Canada, traveling across the country to

find jobs at different hospitals, eventually settling in Ontario to work as an RN for the Canadian Forces in Ontario. Her travels eventually brought her to Halifax, and it was there, in the community of Cow Bay, that she met her husband, Raymond. Together they built a life, a family, and a new community of friends.

Throughout her nursing career at various hospitals in Halifax, and then in Truro until her retirement, Moyra's compassionate care touched countless lives. Her dedication to her profession was matched only by the warmth and kindness she exuded to all who crossed her path. She was frequently called upon by friends and those in the neighborhood for support of ailments, a kind word of advice, or a compassionate shoulder to lean on. Moyra could always be counted on to 'give it to you straight', and her cool demeanor made her an ideal person to have around in a time of crisis.

Moyra loved her adopted hometown of Truro, particularly the nearby Victoria Park and all it had to offer. She and Ray built a loyal community of friends here, some of whom they spent time with playing tennis, curling, cribbage or lawn bowling. In the fall, Moyra and Ray could often be found on the winding roads of Cape Breton, enjoying the fall colors, the sound of the fiddles, and a feed of fish and chips.

Moyra is survived by her husband, Raymond; children, Jeffrey, Katherine (Peter), and John (Leslie); grandchildren, Olivia, Rebecca, Corbin, Nora, Hilary, Danah and Brody; as well as her brothers, Jim, Bruce (Margret), and Tammy (Christine). She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

As we mourn Moyra's passing, let us celebrate the love and compassion she leaves behind. May her memory continue to inspire kindness and generosity in us all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Truro Fire Hall on May 4, from 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Ray and family,

Please accept our sincerest condolences during this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,

Rory MacNeil and family

Kate MacNeil - May 05, 2024 at 07:16 AM

KO

“ *Moyra was a beautiful lady in every way. Our condolences. Karen O'Toole*

karen O'Toole - May 04, 2024 at 06:07 AM

BC

“ *Such an amazing woman! Loved by so many. Moyra was a very close friend to my sister, Joyce and her husband, John, and then became a very close friend to my family. She was a kind, true friend to Joyce, and always there when she most needed her. Our condolences to you, Ray, and Kathryn, Jeff, and John.*

Barbara & Jack Cossar

Barbara & Jack Cossar - May 03, 2024 at 01:52 PM

RS

“ *A loved neighbor over the years on Ross street....holds special place in our hearts .Thinking of you at this time* 💜
Roberta,Bruce,Ryan

roberta sanford - May 01, 2024 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ 3 files added to the album facebook



WILLIAM MACLEOD - April 28, 2024 at 03:21 PM

AS

“ Condolance to the Shillington and the jeffery family.and extended family s .Moyra was a true friend.may she rest in peace.Annie Shaughnessy

Annie Shaughnessy - April 27, 2024 at 05:31 PM

SA

“ When I think of Aunt Moyra, I think of a wonderful woman. Soft spoken but firm whe no n necessary. Kind and loving, always making us feel welcomed and loved. Even though we didn't get together often, when we did it was always as if no time had passed. My heart breaks for you all, I wish I could be there with you. Sending love, strength and support to you all. Big hugs to uncle Ray xoxo

Stacey Armsworthy - April 27, 2024 at 12:53 PM

CH

“ Jeff and family,

My deepest sympathy on the passing of your mom. She was a lovely person with a radiant smile that lit up a room. My thoughts are with you at this very sad time. You will miss her dearly.

Cathy Hinton

cathy hinton - April 27, 2024 at 07:01 AM

CW

“ *Moyra’s Family
Worked Emerg in Truro with your Mom years ago. Loved her sense
of humour, compassion and general positive view of life.
My heart goes out to you all.
Cindy Withrow*

Cindy Withrow - April 26, 2024 at 07:18 PM

KS

“ *Kevin S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moyra Jessie Shillington.*

Kevin S. - April 26, 2024 at 06:53 PM

EW

“ *I was saddened to read of Moyra's passing. I was fortunate to have
worked with her for many years & always looked up to her. She was
a great nurse ,& one of the most kind people I know.
As a family you have many wonderful memories to help you through
this tough time.*

Elaine Warner - April 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JS

*Moyra and I were “kindred spirits. Worked so many years with her and
we tortured at the same time. Continued to be best friends all these
years. Love you Moyra. Joan Stewart*

joan stewart - April 26, 2024 at 07:36 PM

AV

*Moyra was my rock during my health issues she was my true best friend ,she and Ray were part of my wedding ,we did lunches often went for drives ,so many wonderful memories ,I will miss you so much rest in peace God Bless all the family as your Mom sure loved you all
Anne Vacon/ MacLeod*

Annette Vacon - April 28, 2024 at 02:50 PM

KM

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Moyra's family at such a difficult time. I had only met her 12 years ago, but anytime I had the pleasure of talking to Moyra she was always pleasant and smiling. A very proud grandma. Hang on to all of those happy memories of good times spent together and she will be with you always, in your heart.*

Sincerely Kathy MacDonald

Kathy MacDonald - April 26, 2024 at 01:17 PM

AR

“ *She was a lovely, vibrant person with an immense love for her family. Hugs and love to you all. I know she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Anita Reader - April 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM

IR

Moyra was a lovely person . Years ago we walked together. Great lady and she will be dearly miss. God bless your family.my deepest sympathy to all your family 🙏🙏🙏

irma Roberts - April 26, 2024 at 05:44 PM

RM

“ Our most sincere condolences to Ray, Jeffrey, Katherine, John and your families. Moyra was such a beautiful and loving lady inside and out! Sending all our love. Ruth and Dave

Ruth McConville - April 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM

RM

“ Ruth M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moyra Jessie Shillington.

Ruth M. - April 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ Hello John and family - I just want to extend my sorrow at the loss of your mother. Remember all the good times you shared with her over the years.
Charlotte MacDonald

Charlotte MacDonald - April 26, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JF

This Amazing Woman will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to her family at this sad time. We will remember her laugh, her smile and her kindness. Great stories will be told. Hugs

Julie Farrell - April 26, 2024 at 11:01 AM

KS

Dear Raymond, Katherine, Jeffery and John.
What an incredible lady. She will be missed by all that knew her.
So full of love for all her families.
That beautiful smile will remain in everyone's memories , always.
Love from Ken and Cathie

Ken Shillington - April 26, 2024 at 01:28 PM

BJ

“ Brother Jim purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Moyra Jessie Shillington.



Brother Jim - April 26, 2024 at 10:02 AM

BJ

“ Brother Jim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moyra Jessie Shillington.

Brother Jim - April 26, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SS

“ My last memory was visiting Aunt Moyra and Uncle Ray a few years back. It was a wonderful visit. She squired us around the area sightseeing and we got to spend time with all of her family (my cousins and their spouses and some of their kiddies) as well.

Moyra was cheerful, welcoming and warm, as she always was. It was a short but wonderful visit.

We loved Aunt Moyra. Rest in peace Aunt Moyra and much love to Uncle Ray and the entire family.

Steve Shillington - April 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM