



Ruby Geraldine Siteman

July 30, 2024

SITEMAN, Ruby Geraldine (GERRARD) – It with deep sadness that we share the peaceful passing of Ruby Siteman, age 83, at Dartmouth General Hospital ICU, on the evening of July 30, 2024.

Born March 3, 1941, in Ship Harbour, Nova Scotia, she was the eldest daughter of Guy and Ella (Eisan) Gerrard. Ruby spent the first 7 years of her life in the 'country' before moving to Woodside with her parents and two brothers. She told stories of travelling by many a bus/trolley, crossing the harbour to her job as an operator with Maritime Telephone & Telegraph on North Street in Halifax. There, she met the love of her life and future husband, Donald.

They married in 1962 and Ruby's focus then shifted to becoming a full-time homemaker. She truly embodied the very essence of this role - her home was always spotless; clothing was perfectly pressed, and her cooking methods were likened to a simpler era, that included daily breadmaking to canning and making jams and jellies and old-world recipes like her favourite 'Lunenburg Kohl Slaw'.

Ruby and Don made their life in their Fairview home raising their two sons, Robb and Mark. They were rarely apart and enjoyed a quiet lifestyle, between their city home and country cottage in Ship Harbour during almost 60 years of marriage.

She was a longtime member of Fairview United Church – active in the earlier years, she was a member of the UCW, unit 'Endeavour', attending and

hosting many meetings and events, and she also worked in the church nursery for over 25 years, caring for the little ones during Sunday morning services.

Christmas Eve gatherings at her home were a special family memory - her 'Pineapple Chicken' was the crowd favourite! She loved Christmas and all the traditions that went into making it a special time.

Ruby loved being 'Gramma' to Olivia and Jeffrey, spoiling them both at every opportunity.

She loved to have a good gossip over a cup of coffee or tea with anyone who would listen to her. Her recollection of details from past and present was unmatched.

She really enjoyed travelling . . . by plane, train and automobile! . . . visiting Canadian and US localities, with a few longer trips to Florida and New Orleans. Her most memorable and last vacation in 2012 was her lifelong wish to see the Canadian Rockies, accompanied by her son Mark, daughter-in-law Denise and granddaughter, Olivia.

After Don's passing in 2022, her health and mobility continued to decline, and she recently moved into Oakwood Terrace Nursing Home. There, she enjoyed having caring staff around her, loved watching the little birds come to the feeder outside her window and she liked the food and dining room conversation – her wit was still quick and sharp! The family extends a sincere thank you to the Oakwood staff – we know Ruby felt welcomed and content during her brief stay.

Left with happy memories are her family: son Robb (Brenda) and grandson Jeffrey of Timberlea; son Mark (Denise) and granddaughter Olivia (Mark Benoit) of Halifax, and as well as her two brothers Doug Gerrard (Doreen) of Ship Harbour, and Jim Gerrard (Kim) of Carroll's Corner, along with several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the amazing ICU staff at Dartmouth General for their compassionate care during Ruby's final days.

A family graveside service will be held at Fairview Lawn Cemetery on August

7th.

Cremation has taken place, entrusted to Harbourside Crematorium.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mark, Robb and families*
My condolences on Ruby's passing. Having the pleasure of meeting both Ruby and Don during life's trying times, I could see the love they shared for one another. They're back in each other's arms, dancing away.
Michelle Wigginton & Glenn Armitage

M. Wigginton - August 15, 2024 at 11:24 AM

GL

“ *Jim and Kim, our sincerest condolences for the loss of Ruby.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gerard, Gordie and Lawlor Family

Gerard and Gordie Lawlor - August 07, 2024 at 11:14 AM

WA

“ *To: Jim and Kim*
Sorry to read of the passing of your sister, our thoughts and prayers are sent to your family.
Wally and Darlene Ashley

Wally and Darlene Ashley - August 07, 2024 at 05:24 AM

BE

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences to the family of Ruby from*
Michelle and Brian Eisan

Brian Eisan - August 06, 2024 at 02:28 PM

SB

“ Our deepest sympathy on Ruby's passing. We shared many weekends at the family homestead in Ship Harbour. There was always lots of laughs and plenty of fish boils.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Rest in peace Ruby.

Shelley and Don Brushett

Shelley Brtushett - August 06, 2024 at 12:00 PM

DV

“ Ruby's family(Jim & Kim)

Our condolences on Ruby's passing. Keep your fond and happier memories close to your hearts.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time in your lives.

*Kind Regards:
Charlie & Dawn Verge*

Dawn And Charlie Verge - August 06, 2024 at 10:11 AM

CW

“ My sincerest condolences on your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cathy Wiley - August 06, 2024 at 08:36 AM

WL

“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences to Mark and family. May she rest in peace reunited with her loved ones that went on before her.

Wendy Lewis - August 06, 2024 at 07:53 AM

AC

“ Thoughts and prayers to Mark, Denise, Olivia and family at this sad time, from Al and Audrey

Audrey Cuvilier - August 05, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MP

*Ruby's family (Jim & Kim)
Sincere condolences on the passing of your dear sister. May your special memories warm your hearts.
Mike & Pat Leonard*

Mike & Par - August 06, 2024 at 06:59 PM

EJ

“ It was a pleasure getting to know you Ruby.
I hope your dancing with Don, as you would say “he’s waiting for me”

*Sincere love to your family,
Love; your B Unit family at Oakwood Terrace*

emily j - August 02, 2024 at 11:18 PM

JS

“ Condolences to the family.
I hold all of my memories close of Ruby, we have a lot of them. I will treasure the past two years and all of the time we spent together. We laughed, we cried, we told stories and we even grew monster tomato plants. Ruby was my friend and I loved her dearly. I know she will watch over me and I will think of her each day and miss her. Rest in peace Miss Ruby.

Joanne Smith - August 02, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DM

*Robb, Mark and families:
My sincerest condolences on the passing of your Mom. Fond memories of many years as neighbors on Rosedale. Cherish your memories and hold them close.
Deborah McNair*

Deborah McNair - August 05, 2024 at 11:30 PM

GH

*To Ruby's family. Your Mom was a great lady and I enjoyed many phone calls/visits with her. We first met when she was working in the Fairview United Church Nursery. She was delighted years later when I told her our granddaughter had been named Ruby. May she rest in peace reunited with your dear Dad. Hugs & prayers.
Gayle Heisler*

Gayle Heisler - August 06, 2024 at 08:50 AM

BS

My deepest sympathy for the loss of Ruby. The joy that your mother brought to the world will never be forgotten. May you always feel her love and pride.

*Sending you peace,
Bonnie and Richard Sullivan*

Bonita Sullivan - August 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

WB

Our sincere condolences to Mark, Denise, Olivia and family. Ruby was a great neighbor to us for many years. Pam and Bill Banks

William L Banks - August 06, 2024 at 01:12 PM