



Verna Louise Cranford

February 6, 2026

Verna Louise Cranford aged 91, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on March 6, 1934, in New Harbour, NL, she was the eldest daughter of the late Godfrey and Annie Belle (Fiander) Cranford. She was predeceased by her son, Paul, her brother Robert (in infancy), sister Barbara Smith and brother-in-law, Harvey Smith.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 71 years, Howard, her children, Bob (Danie) Cranford, Peter (Janet) Cranford, Susan (Philip) Jefferson and Carolyn (Aaron) Curtis, her grandchildren Ellen, Alek (Sara), Andrew, Sean, Sydnie (Louis), Benjamin, Maxwell and Nicholas as well as great-grandchildren Niall, Emma and Isla.

For most of her life, Verna worked at home, first in Gander, then Grand Falls, then Amherst and finally in Dartmouth. It was a role she embraced with grace and purpose. Her hands were rarely still, always tending to the needs of her growing family, whether through home-cooked meals, thoughtful guidance, or the quiet acts of love that defined her character.

She raised her children with patience, teaching them the values that shaped her own life: kindness, resilience, and the importance of looking after one another. Her home was a place where everyone felt welcome, where the smell of homemade bread and sweets were freely shared, and where her gentle

presence made even the hardest days easier.

When Howard retired, they moved back to Amherst Shore and spent part of each year in Hopeall, NL, where she re-connected with her extended family and friends.

When her husband suffered a stroke in 2020, Verna made a new home with him at Parkland at the Lakes in Dartmouth. When Alzheimer's slowly took away her independence she and Howard moved into Moody Hall in Halifax (where Howard still resides). Her family is deeply grateful for the attentive care she received at both facilities, which allowed her to maintain her independence for as long as possible.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. The family welcomes donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ Our deepest sympathies to all the Cranford Family on Verna’s passing . Our thoughts are with you all at this time. Fred and Sharon Woodman. And all the Woodman Family!

E Fred Woodman - February 25 at 08:33 PM

BP

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Cranford family. May dear Verna Louise rest in peace.

Bimal Persaud - February 14 at 07:41 AM

PM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Cranford family. We know you have so many wonderful memories of your Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother. Thoughts and prayers to all.

Pat and Bill Morash - February 14 at 06:29 AM

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“ Condoléances to you Bob & Dannie And all your Familly may your Mom rest in peace be strong in those Deficult time may The Lord be with all your familly

RAYMONDE ROCHON HUOT - February 13 at 11:59 PM