

Obituary Overview

In Loving Memory

Mary Morash-Watts, 72, of Halifax, passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at Victoria General Hospital, surrounded by her children. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Willard Richard Morash and Anna Marie (Wells) Morash.

Mary was a kind and loving person who made everyone she encountered feel special. She was affectionately known as "Mama Mary" or "Ms. Mary," but her favorite title was "Grandma." She found joy in giving back to her community, volunteering as a cook at Camp Brunswick, serving on the PTA at Joseph Howe School, and reading to students at St. Joseph A. Mackay School. Mary was also a Guide Leader and an active member of St. Patrick's Church, where she led children's liturgy, volunteered with the Breakfast Program, and assisted with various church events.

Mary had a gift for organizing gatherings, especially for the children in her life. She was happiest when surrounded by family and friends, who she always welcomed as if they were family.

For 32 years, Mary worked in the Sociology and Social Anthropology Department at Dalhousie University, where she formed strong bonds with staff and students, considering them extended family. After retiring from Dalhousie, she worked at the George Dixon Centre, where she cherished daily interactions with the children and was delighted when invited to a child's birthday party. Above all, her favorite pastime was sharing stories about her grandsons, Jaxson and Zachary.

Mary is survived by her daughters Charlane Watts and Michelle "Missy" Watts (Dung Do); her son Frederick "Fred" Watts (Patricia "Trish" Watts); her brother Paul Morash (Valerie Westlake); her nephew Courtney Morash; and her sister-in-law Terry Ann Morash. She was the proud grandmother of six grandchildren and great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Willard Richard Morash and Anna Marie Morash; brothers Joseph, Clarence, Kevin, John, and Michael; son Ruben James Watts; nephew Derryck.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial visitation will be held from 5:30-8:30pm on Wednesday November 13th in Atlantic Funeral Home, 6552 Bayers Rd. The funeral Mass will take place at 11am on Thursday November 14th in St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 6032 Normandy Drive, Halifax with a reception to follow. Interment in William Black Memorial Cemetery, Glen Margaret.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The North End Parent Resource Centre for a future

event to be held at Mary's last place of employment, the George Dixon Centre.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Nancy Hayter, Mary's best friend, and her granddaughter Shyanne Watts, for the incredible love and care they showed Mary during her time in the hospital. Deep gratitude is also extended to the Palliative Care team at Victoria General Hospital for their compassionate support.