

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*MARY
(MARPLE)
BUDGELL*



It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that Mary Budgell passed away with her family by her side on the morning of March 15th. Mary was the second of four children, she is survived by her husband Doug Budgell, her sons Eric (Heather), Andrew, her grandkids Sadie, Bianca, Cressida, Heidi, her siblings Gail (predeceased by her husband Eric), Murdo (Marie), Neil (Denise), and many connected cousins and friends.

Born on March 10 1944 on Cape Breton Island, Mary grew up on her family farm in Scotsville Cape Breton. She was raised by her mother Annie, her grandfather Duncan, her grandmother Eliza, her uncles Chris, Neil and aunt Donna. Alongside her siblings Gail, Murdo, and Neil. Her upbringing on the shores of Lake Ainslie was defined by hard work, community, and love, characteristics that she carried with her throughout her life.

Mary's lifelong dedication to others began early. Alongside lifelong friends, at age 17 she graduated as valedictorian of her nursing class in Glace Bay where she began her career. In 1965 a chance encounter on Lake Ainslie Road led to a first date with an Inverness RCMP Constable Doug Budgell originally from Newfoundland. They married in May of 1967 and shared 60 years of devoted marriage, a true partnership in which they built their family, home, and careers together.

Mary was a proud and perfect mother to Eric born in Halifax, and Andrew born in Ottawa. While her career was paused to raise her children, she later returned to nursing at the Riverside Hospital in Ottawa where she served alongside many friends until her retirement at age 67.

She spent her later years as a devoted Grandmother to Sadie, Bianca, Cressida and Heidi. Much like her mother Annie MacGregor, Mary was extraordinary. She dedicated her life to advocating for her family, friends, patients, and even strangers. She was a compassionate nurse, mother, grandmother, spouse, and friend whose kindness was never conditional, but simply her way of being.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The family would appreciate donations to the May Court of Ottawa Hospice for their care and compassion.

A service will be held at the Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church on July 16 at 2 pm