

**Isabel Mary Robertson, RN
1921-2019
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps**

Isabel Mary Robertson, born March 8, 1921 in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully at 98 years of age in Windsor, Nova Scotia on June 21, 2019. Isabel (nee MacDonald), was predeceased by her loving parents, Martha (1968) and Angus MacDonald (1970), her much admired brother, Arthur (1958), and her adoring husband, Donald Robertson (1985), of Montreal, Quebec. She is survived by her son, Gordon, daughter-in-law, Karen, her grandchildren, Emma (Toronto) and Neil (Halifax), and her brother Art's children, Sandra Smith (Montreal) and Ian MacDonald (Montreal).



Following high school Isabel left her Cape Breton home to attend Acadia University before enrolling in the Glace Bay General Hospital School of Nursing (1940). Upon graduation (1943), Isabel assisted Canada's war efforts by enlisting in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, achieving the rank of first lieutenant by war's end. As a Canadian Nursing Sister, she cared for returning wounded soldiers who were being transported across Canada in hospital trains. Her

contribution to the war effort was recognized by Canadian Veterans Affairs in 2005. At the end of the war, Isabel travelled to Montreal with the intention of attending McGill University, but instead took a nursing position at Sainte Anne de Bellevue veteran's hospital. It was in Montreal that she would meet Donald Robertson, a returning veteran, who was studying agronomy at the MacDonald Campus of McGill University. Isabel and Donald were married in 1952 and resided in Beaconsfield, Quebec for more than 30 years. Following Don's passing, Isabel's life came full circle when she relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she could be closer to her family and her family homestead located on the Mira River in Cape Breton.

Isabel lived life fully, enjoying travel, dancing with her husband, games of bridge, swimming, her hospital volunteer work, the Nursing Sisters Association, and her much loved Fort Massey United Church. A proud Cape Bretoner through and through, she always referred to travel to Cape Breton as going home. Isabel was known for her keen grasp of the family tree (36 first cousins), her easy laugh, and her sense of humor. She warmly embraced her many friends and family members with love, generosity and devotion. Her bidding joy was her grandchildren, Neil and Emma, who will miss her warmth, love, and homemade biscuits and molasses cookies.

The Robertson family would like to thank Carrie Dauphinee and the R.E.A.L Residence staff for their excellent, care and compassion in Isabel's final years.

In keeping with Isabel's wishes, no visitation will be held. A celebration of Isabel's life will be held at 1017 Hillside Road, Albert Bridge, Cape Breton, directly following the annual Oakfield Cemetery service scheduled for August 18th, 2019 at 2:30 pm. Family, friends and others whose lives Isabel touched are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer Society or the charity of your choice.