



Dolores Charleston

December 24, 1929 - January 17, 2022

Dolores Charleston, 92, passed away on January 17, 2022. A wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was married for 70 years to Roy Charleston, who preceded her in death in 2021. Born in the middle of the Great Depression in Sullivan, Illinois, Dolores Jardine was the daughter of a Canadian laborer, Thomas, who was working in the U.S., and Stella, of Sullivan. They returned to Trenton, Nova Scotia, where Dolores was raised until she graduated high school, and then moved to Hamilton, Ontario. Dolores married Roy Charleston in 1951. After several years of moving due to Roy's service in the U.S. Air Force, they settled in Hammond, Indiana, and then permanently in Indianapolis in 1966, where Roy had a long career in the insurance business. Dolores and Roy raised four sons.

Dolores began her working career as a switchboard operator for Bell Canada. Following a hiatus to raise her family, she worked for more than 25 years for Kittle's Furniture Store in Castleton. For many years she was the "voice of Kittle's" as the telephone operator/receptionist. She retired in 2001.

Dolores loved Christmastime and enjoyed spending time with her family, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading and shopping. She often said she wanted to be remembered as "someone who was fun." And she was fun! Dolores is survived by her four sons, Thomas (Rita), Stephen (Heddy), Jeffrey (Lori) and Gregory (Rodney); four grandchildren, Kelli (James), Kyle, Scott (Lee Anne) and Chad; and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by

her sister, Linda (Arthur); and two nieces in Ancaster, Ontario.

In an abundance of caution, the family will be holding a private family service at this time. A celebration of life for Dolores will be held later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777. Final arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What do you say about the tiniest of women with the greatest of strength:
Lived through the depression, WW2, political turmoil and assassinations, multiple moves around the country with her husband and 4 boys all close in age with characters as strong as their father's and mother's. Certainly not a leisurely job, but one she accomplished with great success and pride. It was always such fun to watch Dolores and Roy banter with one another, but you never doubted their love for each other or for their devoted sons. I have always been so impressed at the coordination between the 4 brothers to assure Roy and Dolores had everything they needed, and more. What a lovely family! My condolences to all of you. May God comfort all of you and welcome Dolores to see Roy again.*

Anita Dust

Anita Dust - January 21, 2022 at 09:33 AM

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We are so sorry for your loss. Delores sounds like a wonderful woman. I'm sorry we can't be with all of you.

*Love,
Sandy and Jerry Dreesen (Tom's sister-in-law and brother in law)*

Sandy and Jerry Dreesen - January 21, 2022 at 05:33 PM

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“ Having just celebrated my 35th anniversary at Kittle’s Dolores was a fixture here as the store operator. I would see her on a daily basis as I would go upstairs to retrieve those pink message slips upon my return to the store after outside appointments. I would always linger and chat - she had a great sense of humor and a twinkle in her eye. It wasn’t until I had been at Kittle’s for some time that I discovered that she was thru marriage related to my partner (now husband) She was a truly special person - happy that she and Roy are back together for ever.
Thoughts to the Charleston family

thomas myers - January 20, 2022 at 04:46 PM

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“ My first memory of Delores was that she had to be a trooper!! Raising four boy and a husband had to be a huge challenge!!! Anyone that can survive that and come out smiling and laughing, is one tough girl!!! She also reminded me so much of my Mom, Delores Leigh. So sweet and beautiful ladies you could ever ask for! I always remember Delores smiling and laughing and always so pleasant! Rest In Peace Delores! Heaven got a good one.

Mark Leigh - January 18, 2022 at 08:15 PM