



SMOLENAARS

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, sister and aunt, Melita Marie Smolenaars, on June 18, 2021 in the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, NS.

Born on February 11, 1937 in Baddeck she was the daughter of the late, Daniel and Catherine (Aucoin) Cheverie. After meeting the love of her life, John, they moved to Burlington, Ontario where they raised their two children, Perry and Tamara. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Melita would quickly learn of her keen sense of fashion and love of colour. She would put these attributes to use as a successful seamstress and model. Her unique and diverse personality also embraced regular Tai Chi practices.



Melita and John returned to Baddeck to enjoy their retirement on beautiful Hunters Mountain, where Melita's talent as a photographer would blossom. Over the years, many of her friends and family have been the fortunate recipients of her distinctive cards. Following John's passing in 2014 Melita would take up residence at MacLeod House in

Baddeck where she was treated and cared for as family. Over the duration of her stay there, she was blessed to have made many wonderful friends, with residents and staff alike.

Melita was a member of Farquharson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Middle River. She also regularly attended Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck and was active in the AMS. In addition to her contributions to the church she was a fun and tireless volunteer at Alderwood Rest Home.

Melita is survived by her daughter, Tamara (John) Snow of Burlington, Ontario; and her sisters, Corinne Foster, Vancouver, B. C. and Claudette MacNeil, Mississauga, Ontario; grandson, Zackery Johnson also many nieces and nephews.

Melita was predeceased by her husband, John; son, Perry; brothers, Eugene, Theo, George and Raymond; and sisters, Marie, Olivia and Viola.

As per Melita's wishes cremation has taken place and funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunet Funeral Co-operative. Service to be held at a later date, respecting all Covid 19 restrictions. In capturing Melita's true essence, attendees are asked to please wear bright, happy colours! With respect to Melita's wishes there will be no flowers; however, donations may be made to Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck Hospital Palliative Care, Cape Breton Regional Hospital Cancer Clinic, Sydney.

The family wishes to thank the staff of MacLeod House, and the Doctors, Nurses and staff of Victoria County Memorial Hospital. Baddeck. ***You are exceptional !!***

Melita you were your own fiercely strong, classy, independent lady and you will be greatly missed as you and John are once again together.

Funeral Services will be at 3pm on July 31, 2021 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck, NS with Rev. Brian MacLeod officiating.



Online condolences can be sent to: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com