

## HONEY – ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

The memories of Honey (Elsbeth Graham) we will always hold dear in our hearts.

She was one-of-a kind, a remarkable woman and we will miss her dearly.

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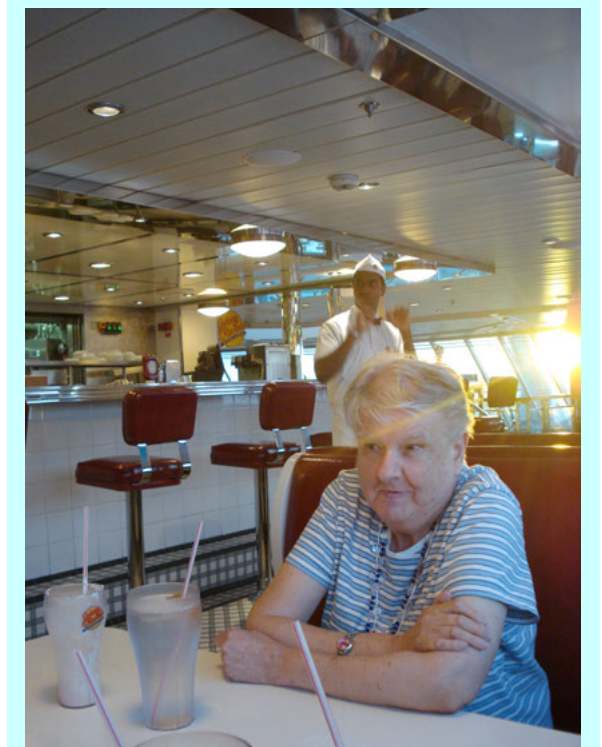
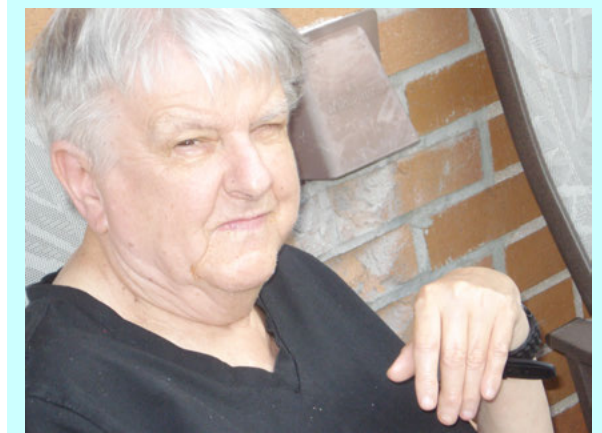
Well you all know we lost a wonderful and unique lady July 6/2013. She went quick and surprised all of us especially me. I was deeply taken back with this loss and she appeared to be at my side everyday while I was at Redcastle. We travelled together, we joked and we even got in trouble at times, but in all she was very close to me as she touched a part of my heart.

Honey was a caring, compassionate, proud and independent lady. She wanted nothing more than to be involved in everything with everyone around her. She lit up a room with her laughter that was most certainly infectious. Honey was up to date with all current affairs and had comments about each celebrity in the news especially her fan-favorite, one Mr. Justin Bieber. I have never met another individual that had a so-called disability that cared so much for others, their families and even their pets.

Honey's passing has left those of us at Redcastle with a sense of great loss as she resided there for over 20 years and understandably has left quite the impression.

**by Kim Skelly**

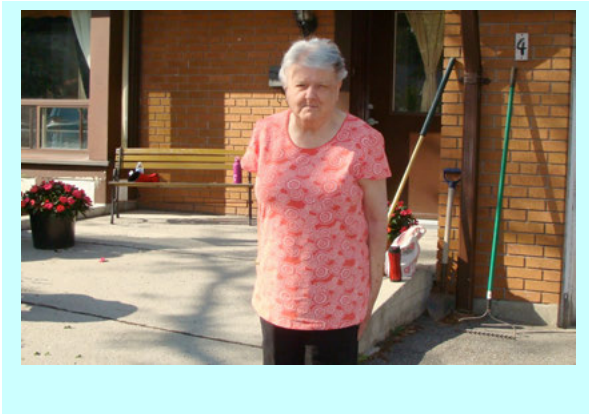
I can still see Honey standing in the doorway at Redcastle residence with her arms wide open waiting to greet me with a



smile, the love she gave to me and everyone she knew, especially all at Bridlewood Presbyterian Church. Honey and I shared the same birthday and we celebrated it together with lunch each year; this past year we were both treated to a wonderful lunch at Celia Watson's home as Celia had done many times in the past with a few of Honey's other friends from her church including Pastor Kevin. There will be a huge void on the day of our shared birthday.

All of us here at Mary Centre will remember Honey with fond memories, as she touched our hearts in a very special way.

*by Carol Chung*





## Volunteer Recognition

Kathleen (Kathy) Bell is an exceptional lady; she has been a special friend to Maria at Mary Centre's Aberdeen residence for about 5 years. After her retirement Kathy began volunteering with Mary Centre. To our delight Kathy was a perfect fit for Maria at our Aberdeen residence, and Maria is devoted to her.

Kathy takes Maria about 3 times a month for swimming at a local pool. Two or three times a year Kathy invites Maria & her room-mates to her home for a wonderful party, and last Fall she organized a group from her church to do a Fall Clean-up of Aberdeen's garden; she and her hard-working friends did a fabulous job of weeding, trimming bushes and putting the beds away for the winter.

In April Mary Centre nominated Kathy in Volunteer MBC's Annual Recognition Event for the "Helping Hands" category; she was accepted and recognized.

Jean Witherspoon is another incredible lady; she is a member of the Legion of Mary at St. Boniface Church and has been a special visitor to residents at our Whitecap residence for about 16 years. She was a special friend to Michael for a number of years, and when he passed on she automatically started visiting Bill who came to live there. Jean and another Legion member Lora go to lunch with Bill on Saturdays and in the summer they do a walk-around at the bluffs. Then, most Sundays she & Lora accompany Bill to church, then to Tim Horton's for coffee. Jean shares her friendship and love with all the residents at Whitecap; most times Stephen is included and goes along with them on their outings.

Jean was recognized at SAVA (Scarborough Association for Volunteer Administration)'s Recognition Event in May this year for her many years of devotion and commitment to Mary Centre's residents.

Lora Morra is also a member of St. Boniface's Legion of Mary and has also been a dedicated visitor for 16 years with Jean to Michael at our Whitecap residence, and now is a special friend to Bill, tirelessly going on outings on Saturdays, and with Jean accompanying him to church and after for coffee at Tim Horton's.

Lora was also recognized at SAVA's Recognition Event in May this year for her many years of ardent commitment to our individuals at Whitecap residence.

**By Carol Chung, Volunteer Coordinator**



***Kathleen Bell***



***Jean Witherspoon & Lora Morra***



## Trevor & Doug's Vacation

On February 15<sup>th</sup> Staff drove us to the airport for our long awaited Caribbean cruise with Christian Horizons.

We were so excited when we got to the Airport and met some of our friends and the Christian Horizons staff. We flew into Miami and stayed for the rest of the day at a hotel. While we were there we visited Hulk Hogan's Park.

On Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> we boarded the ship and everyone was so excited to leave the cold behind. We stayed in an Ocean view cabin and boy the view and the room was nice. We headed straight for the restaurant and ate a big lunch after we walked around in the ship. Inside the ship was beautiful and huge and everyone was very nice.

We sailed all day the Sunday and on Monday we stopped in Mexico. While there we did some window shopping as it was very expensive. There was so much to eat on the ship, the food was amazing and we enjoyed the entertainment every night.

We bargained with some of the store and got some great deals.

The staff on the ship was very nice and we got a chance to meet the Captain and he was very nice as well. Every night we would go dancing and we wished this would never end. But on February 21<sup>st</sup> it all came to an end we were both sad to leave the ship. So we are saving looking forward to the cruise next year.

Thank you to all the Christian Horizons staff.



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