

Daphne Elizabeth Lingwood

Daphne Elizabeth Lingwood (nee Stollmeyer) passed away on June 12, 2012 at St. Charles Manor, Victoria, BC in her 95th year. She was born in Trinidad, the sixth child of Albert Victor and Ada Kate Stollmeyer and came to Canada at the age of 18. Daphne married Don Lingwood in 1941 and they moved to the Caledon Hills in 1945, where she lived until 2010.

Daphne's seventy year artistic career started by teaching crafts at the Montreal YMCA and working with Arthur Lismer in the Museum of Fine Arts' children's art program. In the late 1940's she turned her creative mind to designing leather costume jewelry. Her innovative 'by Daphne' line of jewelry was sold across North America. Daphne would not have thought of herself as a pioneering businesswoman, but she was, operating a wholesale and a retail business for 50 years. This business continues today under the direction of her friends and colleagues Joan Donnelly, Cheryl Carruthers and Joanne Kitto. In the late 1950's Daphne founded Caledon Arts and Crafts for Youth (CACY) to raise money for young people's programs and to showcase the region's artists and crafts people. At the time, it was a groundbreaking idea, one that was repeated by communities throughout Ontario. In 2007, Daphne was inducted into the Caledon Walk of Fame, on the Trans Canada Trail, in Caledon East, for her lifetime of achievement in the arts.

Daphne is survived by her sons, Rex and Robert and daughters in law, Wendy and Aileen; her grandsons, Jeffrey (Marissa), Allan (Katherine) and David and great granddaughter, Sophia. She was predeceased by Don (1975) and by her six brothers, Rex, Alex, Andre, Hugh, Victor and Jeffrey. She maintained close contacts with her brothers and their families in Trinidad and elsewhere and was a much beloved 'Auntie Daph' to her nieces, her nephews and their children. She had a great gift for friendship and as a consequence, had many close

friends throughout all generations.

Daphne was an innovator, creator, naturalist and quiet leader, whose strength of character, passion for living and empathy for others was admired by all who knew her. She was greatly loved and will always be remembered for a life well lived.

A memorial will be held in Caledon this September. In lieu of flowers or donations, please buy a piece of art for a loved one. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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