

Maria Paixao Costa Furtado

1914 – 2009

Surrounded by her large and loving family, the beloved Furtado matriarch , Maria Paixao Costa passed away with peace and dignity on May 12, 2009.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Manuel in 1959 and her adored son, Manuel (Virginia). She is survived by her 7 children; Maria Adelina (Manuel), António (Manuela), Senhorinha (Virginio), Manuela (António), Isabel (Barry), Armando (Helena), Natalia (Vivaldo); her 27 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Maria was born on April 9, 1914 in Ponta Garça, Sao Miguel, Portugal and immigrated to Canada in 1967. She lived with her family until she moved into her Gordon Head home where she proudly lived independently for 30 years. Her home is where countless cherished memories were created and strong family bonds were formed, especially the “Sunday Nights at Vavó’s”. Never one with idle hands, she was passionate about her gardening, sewing, cooking and baking. She will be fondly remembered for her amazing example of unconditional love, endless generosity and incredible faith. The grandchildren will never forget her unique way of making you feel special, the huge picture wall of family and the unending supply of “gama”.

To our family’s queen Vavó for which our family stood strong and united, you are the foundation and inspiration to us all and will remain in our hearts and thoughts forever. Nossa querida mae e vavó, que nunca sera esquecida! Beijinhos e abraços!

A Rosary Service will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 pm and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 16 at 12 Noon both at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4635 Elk Lake

Drive with interment to follow at Royal Oak Burial Park.