

# Wilma Tennier

October 15, 1934 - May 14, 2023

TENNIER – Wilma (nee Knoll) of Port Colborne passed away peacefully at her home with family by her side on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at the age of 88 years. Beloved wife of the late Clarke Tennier (2001), loving mother of Carol (Chris) Chiasson of Leduc, Alberta and Greg (Elizabeth Hebb-Tennier) of Burlington, dear grandmother of Carter Marie and Carly Jean Chiasson, Diana and Alan Tennier, and sister of Yvonne (Bonnie) Johnston. Also survived by brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ron and Carol Tennier, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and her best friend of over 65 years, Pat Isbister. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her parents Julius Leroy and Edith Pearl (nee Reeb) Knoll, her granddaughter Robin, her siblings Jean (late Jerry) Leitch, Verna (late Maurice) Walker, Marie Knoll, Roy (late Gracie) Knoll, Merle (late Jim) Kennedy, her cousin Jack Reeb, her niece Catherine Kilty and nephew Bruce Kennedy.

She will be sadly missed by her many nursing classmates, fellow volunteers and friends.

Wilma graduated from the Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing in 1956 and after working at the Hamilton General Hospital, she and her best friend Pat drove to California and worked at Cedars-Sinai Hospital for 6 months. That was a story told many times over and was the highlight of her career. After returning to Port Colborne, she worked at INCO and the Port Colborne General Hospital before retiring to raise her family. Wilma lived in Port Colborne her entire life. She volunteered at many Red Cross blood donor clinics. Wilma was a devout member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir and did altar care for many years.

Wilma was a passionate advocate for the musical arts. Music was her life. She had the honour of being named a life member of the Port Colborne Operatic Society, where she was active both on stage and behind the scenes. She was a board member of the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts and the Welland-Port Colborne Concert Association.

Wilma was very proud of all of her grandchildren and was their biggest cheerleader in all of their accomplishments.

The Tennier family will receive visitors at the DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 135 Clarence Street, Port Colborne on Thursday May 18, 2023 from 2-4 & 6-8 pm and Friday, May 19, 2023 2-4 & 6-8 pm. Funeral Service will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 688 Elm Street, Port Colborne on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 am. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery, followed by a reception at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Hall. Memorial donations may be made to Port Cares or any children's charity of choice.