

# BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO UNDERSTAND  
MY FALTERING STEP AND PAISIED HAND.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW THAT MY EARS TODAY  
MUST STRAIN TO CATCH THE THINGS THEY SAY.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SEEM TO KNOW THAT  
MY EYES ARE DIM AND MY WITS ARE SLOW.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO LOOKED AWAY  
WHEN COFFEE SPILLED AT TABLE TODAY.

BLESSED ARE THEY WITH A CHEERY SMILE  
WHO STOP TO CHAT FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO NEVER SAY,  
"YOU'VE TOLD THAT STORY TWICE TODAY."

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW THE WAYS  
TO BRING BACK MEMORIES OF YESTERDAYS.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MAKE IT KNOWN  
THAT I'M LOVED, RESPECTED AND NOT ALONE.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KNOW I'M AT A LOSS  
TO FIND THE STRENGTH TO CARRY THE CROSS.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO EASE THE DAYS  
ON MY JOURNEY HOME IN LOVING WAYS.



PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW,  
UNTIL WE MEET UPON THE 'MORROW



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*In Loving Memory*  
**JOAN MACDONALD**  
1933 - 2019

## JOAN FRANCES MACDONALD

MARCH 30, 1933 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Frances MacDonald (nee Barron), a loving wife, devoted mother, much loved grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. After a courageous battle with cancer, Joan passed away peacefully on September 10, 2019 with her children by her side. Joan was predeceased by John, her beloved husband of 65 years, her parents, two brothers, and one granddaughter. She is survived by her five children, Greg (Carole), Diane (Doug), Karen (Rick), Mary-Jo (Cary) and Chris (Dominique); five grandchildren, Stephanie, Marc, Alec, Angelique and David; four great grandchildren; two sisters (Catherine and Patricia); and many nieces and nephews. Joan was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, the youngest of five children. She married John in 1954 and proceeded to devote her life to him and their children. Joan loved spending time with her family and always took a great interest in their lives and well-being. She was the heart of the family. She will be remembered as a woman of great character, integrity and unwavering faith; always ready to support with a prayer or a quiet act of kindness. Over the years, Joan enjoyed working various

part time jobs and volunteering for many activities and events. She loved to travel and enjoyed wonderful family road trips throughout North America. She was an avid reader, loyal Blue Jays fan and lifelong music lover. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the teams of nurses, doctors and support staff at Palliative Home Care, South Health Campus, Foothills Hospital, Nurse Next Door, and the Foothills Country Hospice. They tirelessly and lovingly cared for our Mom over the last 9 months and their kindness and compassion will always be remembered. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Gerard's Catholic Church (8944 Elbow Drive SW) on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11:00am with the Rev. Ignatius Tran presiding. Reception to follow in St. Gerard's Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Foothills Country Hospice Society ([www.countryhospice.org](http://www.countryhospice.org)).



### FUNERAL MASS

St. Gerard's Catholic Church  
Friday, September 20, 2019

### PRESIDER

The Rev. Ignatius Tran

### READERS

First Reading	Alec MacDonald
Second Reading	Greg MacDonald

### OFFERTORY BEARERS

Alec MacDonald	Angelique MacDonald
David Sabraw	

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Karen Carbone

### HYMNS

*St. Gerard's Funeral Choir*

Gathering Song	"Allelulia, Allelulia"
Preparation of the Gifts	"Prayer of St. Francis"
Eucharist	"Eat This Bread"

### URN BEARERS

Mary-Joan MacDonald	Chris MacDonald
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### RECEPTION

Immediately following the Funeral Service, relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family in St. Gerard's Parish Hall.

*Eternal rest grant unto your servant Joan,  
O Lord, and let eternal light shine upon her.*