



Hutchison, Mabel Fay (née Flewelling)
R.N., IODE, U.E.
9 October 1917 - 22 March 2012

Mabel died peacefully at Toronto, on a sunny Spring day, in her 95th year. Survived and greatly missed by daughter Audrey, her husband Leo Fox and three grandsons Damien (and his wife Sharon), all of Toronto; Kieran Fox (Vancouver); and Braden Fox and great-granddaughter Keana Faye Fox-Tuki (of Easter Island); by her son David, his wife Elma, and grandchildren Dean and Jasmine Hutchison, all of Toronto; one nephew, John Flewelling (wife Linda) of Lyndhurst, ON. Predeceased 2 June 2011 by her husband of almost 66 years, Aubrey Hutchison.

Mabel is also lovingly remembered by scores of family members (on her side and on Aubrey's), friends of all ages, and former patients and their families.

Born in Newcastle Creek (near Grand Lake), New Brunswick, Mabel was the much-loved daughter of Harriet 'Hattie' Smith and David Melbourne 'Mel' Flewelling and the beloved sister of the late Lloyd Flewelling. Mabel treasured her deep New Brunswick roots; more than a dozen of her ancestors were United Empire Loyalists who arrived with their families in Saint John in 1783, and others settled in N.B. even earlier.

The Flewellings moved to Fredericton in the 1930s. Mabel graduated from Fredericton High School and then from Victoria Public Hospital Training School for Nurses (Nov 1940) as a Registered Nurse. She was the first in her family to achieve such an education.

Mabel married Aubrey Hutchison 20 June 1945; their daughter was born in Montreal and their son in Moncton. The family moved to Chatham (now Miramichi City) in 1953 and for the next 55 years Mabel contributed immeasurably to her community while raising her children. She nursed at the local hospital, as well as privately, and for several years was a visiting nurse for the Victorian Order of Nurses.

She also worked tirelessly for St. Andrew's United Church. She was a Life Member of the United Church Women and was especially active as a Charter Member of the Edythe Bell Unit, and as a CGIT leader when her daughter was a teen.



Mabel Flewelling, R. N. 1940
Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, N.B.

Mabel was also a very active member, standard-bearer and Regent of the Earl of Chatham Chapter of the IODE; a member of the Miramichi Chapter of the Retired Nurses Association; and the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada.

In addition to her volunteer and paid work, Mabel gardened, baked, sewed, canned, pickled, quilted and entertained, all the while whistling and singing and making it look effortless. Mabel also enjoyed a game of cards, a swim at Hardwicke, a glass of white wine and travelling the world with Aubrey. Their last trip was Sept. 2008 when they moved to Toronto to be near their children.

A beautiful woman, inside and out, Mabel is remembered as a gracious lady of immense goodness and kindness, with the sunniest of natures.

Cremation and a private family commemoration have taken place. Donations to the Christie Gardens Foundation, 600 Melita Cres., Toronto, ON M6G 3Z4, where Aubrey and Mabel resided since 2008 or to St. Andrew's United Church, 188 Wellington St., Miramichi, NB, E1N 1M4; or to any charity of your choice, are appreciated by the family. Contact Audrey Fox at (416) 656-0812 or audrey.fox@mac.com