



Hilda Catherine Koch

October 19, 1925 - February 13, 2022

Koch, Hilda Catherine 1925-2022

It is with profound sadness that Hilda's family announces that she passed away peacefully in her sleep at Stratford General Hospital on Sunday, February 13, 2022, in her 97th year. Formerly a life-long resident of Wellesley, Hilda has resided at Nithview Community since 2015. Born in Wellesley on October 19, 1925, she was the only daughter of the late Ezra and Oliva (Lotz) Hoffman, and was predeceased by her loving husband, Alvin Peter Koch (February 13, 1975), as well as by her son-in-law, David Molloy (December 30, 2016). Hilda was also predeceased by her cherished aunt, Hilda Lotz, and by her uncle, Albert Lotz.

Hilda is lovingly remembered by her son, Rodney (Pui), and her daughter, Iris Molloy; her grandchildren, Christine Koch (Sathish), Kimberly Koch (Riley), Megan Molloy (David), Kaitlyn Molloy (Ike); and her two great-grandchildren, Karthik and Rae.

After attending Business College in Kitchener, Hilda was employed by the Bank of Montreal in Kitchener, the CIBC in Wellesley, and at the local doctor's office until her retirement. Hilda was always very passionate about the Wellesley Fall Fair, and won a prized silver plate awarded by the T. Eaton Company in 1935 at the age of ten after competing in a speaking contest. Her involvement with the Fair continued for the next 70 years. She was a past member of the Wellesley Historical Society, and the Wellesley Township

Horticultural Society.

Hilda was a committed and dedicated member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wellesley, where she was involved with numerous committees, and was the church organist for 46 years. Volunteering was the centre of her life, particularly with church activities, retirement homes, and local service groups. She served on the Nithview Home's auxiliary, and was a roving reporter for the home's quarterly newsletter. In 1986, Hilda was awarded Wellesley Citizen of the Year, acknowledging both her volunteer and community work. At home, she was continuously working on scrapbooking projects including numerous articles about births, graduations, weddings, and photographs, plus other celebrations of her friends and acquaintances. Hilda was well known in the community and cherished her frequent visits with her many longstanding friends. Rest in peace "Mother Koch" (aka "Mother Wellesley").

Visitation will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Hilda's Life. Those wishing to join the family from home can follow the view livestream link beginning at 1:00 p.m. under Hilda's obituary on the funeral home website. Pastor David Hammer officiating. Interment will follow in the Spring at St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, as expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Alzheimer Society of Canada, or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Please wear your mask and respect social distancing.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and caregivers at Stratford General Hospital, and at Nithview Community for their kind and compassionate care for Hilda. Arrangements have been entrusted to Futher-Franklin Funeral Home 1172 Henry Street, Wellesley, ON (519-656-2880). Please visit <https://www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com/> for more information.

For donations to the Alzheimer Society, click on link www.alzheimer.ca/ww/en

For donations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, please mail a cheque to the church or to the funeral home or you may e-transfer directly to the church using this email address stmarks-wellchurch@bellnet.ca

Security answer is Wellesley

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

3847 Nafziger Road
Wellesley, ON (CA)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1123 Henry Street
Wellesley, ON (CA)

Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1123 Henry Street
Wellesley, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Futher-Franklin Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Hilda Catherine Koch*



Futher-Franklin Funeral Home - February 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Hilda Catherine Koch*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Hilda! We have fond memories of her from our many years in Wellesley. She was a lovely, smart, and talented lady. Sending our condolences.*

Glennis Koenig and Janette (nee Koenig) Goertz

Janette Goertz - February 26, 2022 at 08:27 AM

NY

“ So sad to hear about the passing of Maude. A wonderful person with such a warm and friendly smile, she always asked me about the latest project I had going on with my choirs. The last visit my mom, Marguerite Fleischauer (her cousin), and I had with her in September 2018, we laughed so hard - she loved to be teased. I have a great picture of Maude and my mom, sitting together and both being them, smiling into the camera. Just the best way to remember a kind, wonderful woman. Thank you for making us all a part of your life Maude.

Norma Yau - February 25, 2022 at 07:45 AM

KR

“ Rodney & Iris, I am so sorry to learn of Hilda's passing. Knowing her from her days at the office of Drs. Finn & Sellers, she would call every year on my birthday to wish me well; she never forgot. The last time I saw her in her home on Nafziger, with Rodney there, she was preparing to move. And then it was at Nithview one day when I surprised her with a visit on her birthday. She never forgot our family through all those years.

One of a kind, and now she certainly has earned her rest. My deepest condolences to you and your extended families; may she rest eternal in God's care.

Kim Ruthig - February 24, 2022 at 11:23 PM

FB

“ Dear Rodney and Iris. My sympathy for your great loss. Your mom was such a happy and friendly person. She would always call my mom on her birthday. I first learned to know her when your Koch grandparents lived beside us. I would see her many places and one other memory I have is when she and your great aunt Hilda went on the same trip with me to the Holy Land. They were both the life of the party. She was such a Christian lady and friend. She will be missed.

Fran Brubacher

Fran Brubacher - February 22, 2022 at 12:25 PM

RM

“ It was with great sadness that I read of the passing of Hilda. I had the pleasure of providing dental treatment for her for many years at the New Hamburg Dental Group. She always lavished praise and gratitude for everything that I did for her and I always looked forward to her visits. We had so many lovely chats chairside during the course of providing treatment. While the topics varied, at the heart of each conversation was the love that she had for her family. She will be greatly missed by all of us who had the good fortune to cross paths with her here on earth. R.I.P. dear Hilda.

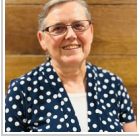
Ruth MacCara

Ruth MacCara - February 21, 2022 at 01:10 PM

MK

“ It is with many memories that we send our condolence's.
Marsha and Bruce Koehler and the Koehler family

Marsha and Bruce Koehler - February 20, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ Dear Rodney and Iris

We are very sorry we could not attend the visitation and funeral of your dear mother . Hilda was a very special friend to us and to my mother, Dora . We enjoyed visiting with her at Nithview many times before Covid . Mom has not seen Hilda in a few years now but when I showed her the picture she definately remembered ! She was a very special lady with a firm faith in God that always challenged us . Praying for you and your families as you remember and adjust to the loss . Sincerely - Duane & Jean Erb & Dora Roth

Jean Erb - February 19, 2022 at 04:09 PM

DE

“ *Sincere Sympathy to Rodney and Iris and families. Your mom was a special lady who would call me on my birthday almost every year. Iris and myself share almost the same day birthday and this year was a milestone !*

I enjoyed after school snacks of peppermint chocolate cookies and chocolate milk with Iris at her aunts and i have good memories of our days as neighbors and friends .

Thinking of you as you journey through this time with prayers for peace and comfort

Doreen

Doreen Erb - February 19, 2022 at 02:07 PM

KM

“ *Hilda was such a rock of faith for us . We enjoyed singing when she played the organ and enjoyed choosing hymns with her for St. Marks services. She was a joy to spend time with, especially when we went out to the Schmidtsville. She was a great person to spend time with, We will miss her.*

Keith and Pauline Mueller

keith Mueller - February 19, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DL

“ I bought Hilda's panabode on Miller lake in 2004. Hilda was the founder of my waterfront feast. She became a good friend. May you be safe, free, happy, peaceful, and continue the discovery of your true self, my precious friend Hilda.

Derrick Long - February 19, 2022 at 01:40 PM

EM

“ We have so many fond memories of Hilda, or Maudie as we called her. She was our very close neighbour when I was growing up in Wellesley, and the long standing organist at our church, playing the organ at our wedding. We saw her regularly when she worked at the doctors' office for many years. She always took time to chat and she will be missed!
Sending sincere condolences to Rodney, Iris and families.
Elaine and John Mohr

Elaine Mohr - February 19, 2022 at 11:15 AM

PP

“ Our sympathy to Rodney and Iris. Your mother loved you very much and spoke fondly of you. Hilda also was a dear friend of ours. When she lived in Wellesley we had telephone conversations and she visited in our home. We also picked her up to attend various community functions. We will remember her as a loving and caring person who loved the Lord. Peter & Beatrice Petrovic

Peter & Beatrice Petrovic - February 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

AW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Andrea Wolfe - February 18, 2022 at 09:32 PM

MK

“ *What a life Hilda lived! She was an incredibly strong, independent and engaged woman of faith who contributed so much to her church and the Wellesley community. She kept in touch with people... and I was fortunate to be one of them... remembering people on their Birthdays. I always looked forward to that call. Her love, care and concern would always come through and she would always include the message wishing you " God's Richest Blessings". She was truly " One of a Kind".*

Our deepest sympathy to Rodney, Iris and the whole family.

You will have so many memories to cherish.

Thinking of you all.

Marion and Don Kelterborn

Marion Kelterborn - February 18, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Rodney, Iris and your families. I grew up across the street from Hilda (Ralph and Mildred Brenneman). Hilda always took an interest in us as children and as we grew up and left home. She was well known and well loved. A special lady!*

Sandy (Brenneman) Skirving

Sandy Skirving - February 17, 2022 at 09:10 PM

SH

“ We have fond memories of Hilda, she was a caring, kind and loving lady. She gave positive compliments freely, and was a joy to chat with. Sending prayers of love and comfort to her loved ones.
Dave and Sue



Sue & Dave Hammer - February 17, 2022 at 07:36 PM

CC

“ Iris Rodney and families, so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother I have many fond memories of her My family always told the story that when my gr grandmother passed and the doctor was called he was attending her birth always brought a smile

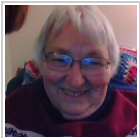
Carolyn Cook - February 17, 2022 at 03:55 AM

AW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andrea Wolfe - February 17, 2022 at 12:05 AM



“ My sympathy to Iris and Rodney and all the family. I have many good memories of Hilda.

Shirley Templeman

Shirley Templeman - February 16, 2022 at 11:40 PM

WH

“ *With thanksgiving for your wonderful life among us, with understanding of the loss your beautiful family experiences at this time.*

*With our sincere sympathy,
Barb and Bill Huras*

William Huras - February 16, 2022 at 10:49 PM

AW

“ *Our Dear Maudie,*

*Your sweet calls, your embrace,
Doing all, with such grace*

*Showing all, that you cared
With the power of prayer*

*Your kind voice, and warm smile
Your strong faith, all the while*

*All these gifts you impart
Will live on in our hearts*

Our deepest sympathy to her beautiful family. Hugs and Love to all.

xo

Andrea & Barry Wolfe and family



Andrea Wolfe - February 16, 2022 at 07:20 PM

AW

“ 6 files added to the album *Hilda Koch*



Andrea Wolfe - February 16, 2022 at 07:09 PM

NI

“ *Iris and Rod*

Sincere Condolences...

Heaven has gained an angel and we have lost a dear friend who shared her servant heart unselfishly until she no longer was able. I cherish wonderful memories of working with her in her volunteer roles for many, many years at Nithview. I became acquainted with a number of new friends because of the time spent with your Mom.

I share with you my love and prayers at this time.

*Hugs,
Norma Iutzi*

Norma Iutzi - February 16, 2022 at 03:12 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Mueller lit a candle in memory of Hilda Catherine Koch



Carolyn Mueller - February 16, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Chris Franklin - February 16, 2022 at 10:33 AM

CA

“ Maudie was one of the first people to show me the love of Jesus. She never ended a phone call without saying, "God loves you; I love you; and we'll pray for each other." She had a light in her eyes and joy in her smile at all times, and she made me feel like the special goddaughter in the world.

I will never forget her presence at every birthday party; family gatherings in Wellesley; phone calls just because; her pretty pink house, all the Beanie Babies, and pistachios; and breakfast dates at Schmitzville. Most of all, I will never forget her reverence for the Bible, her love for Jesus, and her sweet, lilting voice.

Cassie - February 15, 2022 at 04:42 PM

TB

“ Theresa And Ron Bisch lit a candle in memory of Hilda Catherine Koch



Theresa and Ron Bisch - February 15, 2022 at 11:18 AM

HZ

Hilda was my next door neighbor for many years. Rest In Peace Hilda.

Helen Zurell - February 16, 2022 at 07:40 AM

BC

“ My condolences to the Koch family. I have so many wonderful memories of Hilda - we were neighbours before she moved to New Hamburg. We also went to Drayton together for many years and she always had candies for us. No matter how old you get, you turn into a kid again when there are candies involved. Hilda was a very special lady - loved by many, missed by all. Sending caring thoughts and prayers - Bruce Cook 🎵

Bruce Cook - February 15, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of Hilda Catherine Koch



Chris Franklin - February 14, 2022 at 03:06 PM