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Canada flag to fly at half-mast on Wednesday, June 29 in honour of NHH Auxiliary volunteers who passed away in 2021/22

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, June 29, 2022—The Canada flag outside the main entrance at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will fly at half-mast today, June 29, in honour of the active and former NHH Auxiliary volunteers known to have passed away in the last year.

In conjunction with a reading of their names at the Auxiliary's Annual General Meeting—which will be held virtually on the same day—this annual flag tradition recognizes the exceptional commitment of Auxiliary volunteers throughout the hospital.

Prior to the pandemic, Auxiliary members collectively contributed more than 40,000 hours of time each year, greeting patients as they entered, supporting wayfinding, offering a comforting voice in the Emergency Department, serving customers in the Little Treasure Shop gift shop inside the main entrance, and sorting and selling gently used items donated to their community thrift shop, Petticoat Lane, to support the hospital's capital equipment needs.

"The NHH Auxiliary's mission is to provide effective and compassionate assistance to visitors, staff and patients, in an environment that promotes the dignity and wellbeing of all," said Susan Walsh, NHH President and CEO. "For almost 100 years this team has been helping to deliver quality care at NHH and our legacy organizations. Many Auxiliary roles were impacted as a result of the prolonged pandemic, but the Auxiliary's commitment to NHH and generosity of spirit has not. On behalf of everyone at NHH, thank you for all you do for NHH and the patients and families we serve and a very special thanks to the 11 individuals recognized below for 162 years of volunteer service, combined."

In 2022 we join the NHH Auxiliary members in remembering the following individuals and sincerely thanking them for their service to this community:

Deceased Auxiliary Members – 2021-2022

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Dwayne Dunbar Curtis	2001-2021: 20 years	December 8, 2021
Marilyn June Adams	2000-2022: 22 years	April 2, 2022

We also remember the following *past* Auxiliary members who died this year. They are:

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Lavinia Mary Clarke	2004-2017: 13 years	September 24, 2021
Hugh Herbert John Moore	2013-2016: 3 years	October 5, 2021
James William Gordon	1988-2010: 22 years	October 12, 2021
Donna Marie Atkins	2002-2009: 7 years	December 30, 2021
Ann Rita Wilson	2007-2018: 11 years	January 9, 2022
Maurice Adelard Rock	2002-2007: 5 years	January 25, 2022
Leyland William "Bill" Ruttle	2002-2016: 14 years	March 26, 2022
Margaret Anne DePinto	1978-2015: 37 years	April 22, 2022
John Christopher Adamson	2013-2021: 8 years	May 15, 2022

Interested in learning more about the many exciting volunteer opportunities with the NHH Auxiliary? Please visit the [Volunteers tab at nhh.ca](#)

About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with 3 regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland. For more information, please visit [nhh.ca](#) or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](#) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](#).

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