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Canada flag to fly at half-mast on Wednesday, July 10 in honour of active and former Auxiliary volunteers who passed away in 2023/24

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, July 10, 2024—The Canada flag outside the main entrance at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will fly at half-mast today, July 10, in honour of the active and former NHH Auxiliary volunteers known to have passed away over the last year.

Coordinated in conjunction with the Auxiliary’s Annual Meeting, also held today, this annual tradition recognizes the exceptional commitment of Auxiliary volunteers throughout the hospital.

Auxiliary volunteers greet patients as they enter, support wayfinding, deliver water to patient rooms, offer a comforting voice in the Emergency Department, provide a listening ear in NHH’s palliative, dialysis, cancer and supportive care areas and help patients occupy their time through the Hospital Elder Life Program.

In addition to these critical in-hospital supports, the Auxiliary operates two retail operations—the Little Treasure Shop, located inside the main entrance to the hospital, and Petticoat Lane (the Lane), a thrift shop on Munroe Street in Cobourg—which raise funds to support the hospital’s capital equipment needs.

“As a volunteer partner with over 100 years of service to this community, it’s important to honour the many dedicated individuals, both past and present, whose volunteerism has supported our hospital teams in delivering quality, compassionate care,” said Susan Walsh, NHH President and CEO. “The Auxiliary’s commitment to NHH and generosity of spirit seems to grow stronger by the year. Your role is critical to our Shared Purpose of being a *People First* organization. On behalf of everyone at NHH, thank you for all you do for NHH and the patients and families we serve. Today, we join the NHH Auxiliary members in fondly remembering 23 individuals with gratitude for their service to this community.”

Active NHH Auxiliary Members Who Passed Away in 2023-2024

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Grace More	2009-2023: 14 yrs.	September 28, 2023
Dianne Grace Crutchley	2005-2023: 18 yrs.	January 10, 2024
Margaret “Marg” Godawa	2011-2023: 12 yrs.	February 25, 2024

Elaine Churchill	2018-2023: 5 yrs.	June 7, 2024
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Past NHH Auxiliary Members Who Passed Away in 2023-2024

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

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Ronald "Ron" Brealey Sargent	2009-2021: 12 yrs.	November 4, 2023
Marian F. Brawley	1966-2014: 48 yrs.	November 18, 2023
James "Jim" Vilda Russell Manning	2008-2012: 4 yrs.	November 19, 2023
Linda Diane Graham	2003-2013: 10 yrs.	November 24, 2023
Robert Donald Shaw	2017-2020: 3 yrs.	November 25, 2023
Doreen Elizabeth Jenkin	2003-2020: 17yrs.	December 21, 2023
Blair McFadden	2008-2023: 15 yrs.	February 4, 2024
Rayna Breton	2004-2010: 6 yrs.	February 29, 2024
Katherine "Kathy" Lynne Upper	2000-2012: 12 yrs.	March 27, 2024
Charles Frederick Lester Northeast	2008-2020: 12 yrs.	March 30, 2024
Margaret Elizabeth Harnden	2009-2013: 4 yrs.	April 6, 2024
Audrey Lewella Bowman	1981-2010: 29 yrs.	April 9, 2024
Harry Oumke Knapper	2015-2017: 2 yrs.	April 20, 2024
Wellington "Rae" Waring	2015-2023: 8 yrs.	May 10, 2024
Margaret Francesca Fullerton	1990-2011: 21yrs.	May 14, 2024
Helga Linde Witt	2005-2011: 6 yrs.	May 15, 2024
Catherine Patricia Patty Crosbie	2005-2010: 5 yrs.	May 30, 2024
Beryl May Bridge	1992-2012: 20 yrs.	June 5, 2024

Ross Clifford Adams	2001-2011: 10 yrs.	June 22, 2024
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Interested in learning more about the many exciting volunteer opportunities with the NHH Auxiliary? Please visit the [Volunteers tab at nhh.ca](#)

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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, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with 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 63,000 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](#), X/Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](#), and LinkedIn [Northumberland Hills Hospital](#).

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