



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Canada flag to fly at half-mast on Wednesday, September 27 in honour of active and former Auxiliary volunteers who passed away in 2022/23

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, September 27, 2023—The Canada flag outside the main entrance at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will fly at half-mast today, September 27, 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.

In the last full year for which volunteer hours are available (2022), Auxiliary members collectively contributed 23,236 hours of time within NHH and are on-track to exceed that amount in 2023.

Auxiliary volunteers greet patients as they entered, support wayfinding, deliver water to patient rooms, offer a comforting voice in the Emergency Department, serve customers in the Little Treasure Shop gift shop inside the main entrance, and sort and sell gently used items donated to their community thrift shop, Petticoat Lane, to support the hospital’s capital equipment needs.

“As the NHH Auxiliary prepares to celebrate 100 years of service, 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. “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 dimmed. Now, in 2023, you are returning stronger than ever. 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.”

Deceased Auxiliary Members – 2022-2023

Mildred May (Mim) Hadden (past President)	1994-2013: 19 years	July 10, 2022
Gayle Metson (past President)	2006-2022: 16 years	November 8, 2022
Sadie Weedon	2001-2023: 22 years	June 27, 2023

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

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
William Reid Hagemeyer	2003-2009: 6 years	August 2, 2022
Leona McAleer	2004-2010: 6 years	August 11, 2022
Karen Joan Rutherford	2008-2012: 4 years	August 16, 2022
Lena "Louise" Davis	2008-2012: 4 years	September 4, 2022
Beverly Beatrice McConvey	1987-2009: 22 years	September 14, 2022
Sally Mae Lowrey	2008-2012: 4 years	September 23, 2022
Doris Isabel Vout	1996-2010: 14 years	September 24, 2022
Ronald (Ron) Douglas Flindall	2015-2016: 1 year	October 5, 2022
Marilyn Margaret Gabovic	2006-2019: 13 years	December 2, 2022
Irene Bertram Grant	1999-2016: 17 years	December 3, 2022
Richard Allan Hoffman	2012-2020: 8 years	December 4, 2022
June Mildred Irma Collins	1992-2010: 18 years	March 2, 2023
Virginia Edith Mitchell	2000-2020: 20 years	May 6, 2023
Hazel Arlene Lyons	1996-2013: 17 years	May 11, 2023
Nancy Marie Watson	2005-2010: 5 years	May 28, 2023
Pamela Jane Hambly	2004-2010: 6 years	May 30, 2023
Mary Jane Hall	2007-2011: 4 years	June 5, 2023
James (Jim) Sinclair Nairn	2001-2013: 12 years	July 9, 2023
Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Walker	1994-2018: 24 years	July 19, 2023
Margaret Rose Curtis	2001-2007: 6 years	July 31, 2023

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](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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