

## LEAVE A LEGACY AND KEEP LOCAL HEALTHCARE CLOSE TO HOME

The St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation raises funds for its three healthcare partners, including Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care, St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Valley Manor.

While you can choose to donate to any one of our healthcare partners, you will make the greatest impact by directing funds generally to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation. This will give the Foundation the

flexibility it needs to ensure funds are directed to where they are needed and when they are needed the most.

By designating In Memoriam donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, purchasing an element on the Memory Mural or assigning a gift to the Foundation in your will, you are providing future generations access to local healthcare.



## GERARD O'MALLEY'S GENEROSITY



Gerard O'Malley was no stranger to the local healthcare facilities in Barry's Bay.

From being admitted to St. Francis Memorial in his childhood for Type 1/Juvenile Diabetes, to a hockey accident that left him quadriplegic in 1984, Gerard established a keen respect for his local hospital.

"For 40 years he required the professional services of this unique healthcare facility," Gerard's sister Joan Cybulski said. "Gerard had great admiration for the staff, services and the care he received over the years."

He also had a special place in his heart for the Valley Manor, since it was a place for seniors and those with disabilities to live without leaving their home community.

When he was diagnosed with cancer, he experienced quality care from the Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative team.

Gerard made it a priority to assist the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, which raises funds for Hospital, Hospice and the Valley Manor. As co-owner at the Barry's Bay Metro, he would support the many events and programs initiated by the Foundation. Even after he passed on February 29, 2024, Gerard had directed his family to request that in memoriam donations be made to four local charities, including the Foundation.

He wanted donations to go to the greatest need, which allows the Foundation to direct funds when and where they are needed the most.

By doing this, and through his overwhelming generosity over the years, Gerard helped create a lasting legacy and will **ensure healthcare remains local for generations to come.**

# MEET SOME OF OUR IN MEMORIAM FAMILIES

## DOROTHY CORBEIL

Dorothy battled lymphoma and spent her final days at Madawaska Valley Hospice, where she was cared for by the exceptional staff and volunteers. She died December 6, 2023, “after a fulfilling and happy life” her obituary (which she wrote) read. It was important to Dorothy to leave a lasting legacy on local healthcare. She asked that In Memoriam donations be directed to the SFVH Foundation in her name for the greatest need at either the hospital, Valley Manor or hospice. “She wanted the Foundation to be the designated donation recipient because she was so proud of all you do for the community,” her son Andre explained. “Not just the hospital, but healthcare workers overall.”



## JERRY GREEN

In late 2023, Jerry was diagnosed with a brief illness that led him to Madawaska Valley Hospice. “We had never had any interaction with Hospice in the past and had no idea what an amazing facility awaited us,” his daughter Tracey Pecarski said. “Hospice provided Dad a comfortable, private space in his final hours where family and friends could gather with him.” Jerry passed away in Hospice on November 1, 2023. His family decided to direct In Memoriam donations to the SFVH Foundation, in support of Hospice Palliative Care services in the community.



## CONSTANCE “STANNY” CHIPPIOR

Constance “Stanny” Chippior, might not have had the easiest life, but was a pure beacon of love and joy to everyone who knew her. She was born in the Netherlands and came to Canada by boat as a Dutch war bride. Stanny spent her final days at the Valley Manor, where she passed away at age 99. The family asked that In Memoriam donations be directed to the SFVH Foundation for the Valley Manor. “We chose the Valley Manor because our experience with the staff was warm and caring,” Constance’s daughter Wendy Shular said. “The staff treated my mother with respect. It felt good as a family to know that in her last days of life, she was well taken care of.”



## TWO NEW DUCKS ADORN IN MEMORY MURAL

The In Memory Mural at St. Francis Memorial Hospital is welcoming the addition of two new duck elements. The new additions are located directly above the rock elements and will allow for more loved ones to be recognized in a meaningful way.

Hand crafted by local artist, Donnie Burchat of Wilno, this beautiful mural reflects what you might typically see in our local landscapes. The elements on the mural are made from the many different types of wood native to this area.

Elements like leaves, ducks, stones etc. are engraved as a way of honouring or remembering someone special. The Foundation allows for In Memoriam donations to be used by family



*Donnie Burchat stands with the newly-installed ducks elements on the In Memory Mural.*

members towards the purchase of an element in appreciation for their support of the Hospital by directing In Memoriam gifts to the hospital.

For more information and pricing call us at 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or drop by the Foundation office and pick up a brochure.

*St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation is grateful to have received In Memoriam donations that supported the Hospital, MV Hospice Palliative Care and Valley Manor in Honour of the following individuals in 2023:*

**ARCHIBALD** Cecil  
**BARAGAR** Mary Lou  
**BENNETT** Keith  
**BLESKIE** Leah  
**BOYES** Allen  
**BURCHAT** Gerard  
**BURNETT** Bruce  
**BUZZELLI** Ivan  
**BYRNE** Natalie  
**CHATSICK** Doris  
**CHATSICK** Emma  
**CHIPPURE** Constance  
**CIEHANSKIE** Edward  
**COLEMAN** Brenda  
**CONWAY** Fr. Terry  
**CORBEIL** Dorothy  
**COULAS** David  
**COULAS** Rose Marie  
**COULAS** Susan  
**CRAFTCHICK** Lawrence J.  
**CULL** Richard  
**CYBULSKI** Annie  
**CYBULSKI** Tom  
**CYBULSKIE** Florence  
**CYBULSKIE** Rita  
**DARRAUGH** Millie  
**DAVIS** Christine  
**DESTON** Jeanne  
**DICKENS** Isabel  
**DORMAN** Nancy  
**DU MANOIR** Isabella  
**ENRIGHT** Cyril  
**FOSTER** Garnet  
**GATLEY** Harry  
**GREEN** Jerry

**HAMILTON** Garrance  
**HARRINGTON** Danny  
**HESSON** Vincent  
**HIBBARD** Lorne  
**HICKS** June  
**HINRICHSSEN** Ernst  
**HUDDER** Daniel  
**JESSUP** Jane  
**JOHNSTON** Mamie  
**KARGUS** Lawrence  
**KEYKO** Marianne  
**KRIEGER** Scott  
**KUBESHESKIE** Edmond  
**KULAS** Eva  
**KULAS** Michael  
**KULAS** Orville  
**KUNO** Betty  
**LEHOVICH** Sister Shirley  
**LIDTKIE** Shirley  
**LISTON** Gail  
**LOBETSCHKE** Julia  
**LUCKASAVITCH** Joseph & Lorraine  
**LUCKASAVITCH** Mary  
**LUCKOVITCH** Ambrose  
**LYNCH** John  
**MAIKA** Robert  
**MANDY** Gloria  
**MASK** Raymond  
**MCADAM** Brian  
**MCCALLUM** Ronald  
**MCCAMBRIDGE** Eugene  
**MCCONVILLE** Mary Patricia  
**MCLEISTER** Bill  
**MICHAELIS** Gail  
**MILTENBURG** John

**MURACK** Dorothy  
**MURACK** Veronica  
**OGELSBY** Nancy  
**OGILVIE** Margaret  
**OSBORNE** George  
**OUIMET** Neil  
**PARCHEM** Benjamin  
**PARISIEN** Jim Robert  
**PARK** Brian  
**PEAGAM** Lorraine  
**PECARSKIE** Susan  
**PECOSKIE** Max  
**PECOSKIE** Stanley  
**PEPLINSKI** Margaret  
**PEPLINSKIE** Elizabeth  
**PERRY** Eldon & Evelyn  
**POTVIN** Joan Marie  
**PRINCE** Bernard  
**PRINCE** Diane  
**PRINCE** Sylvester  
**PURITT** Paul  
**QUADE** Daffinee  
**RADEY** Donna  
**RECOBKIE** Anne  
**RECOBKIE** Earla  
**REGAN** Ursula  
**RILEY** Marie  
**ROGOWSKI** Matt  
**RUMLESKIE** Edward  
**SAURO** Michael  
**SAWYER** Camilla Anne  
**SCHUTT** Phyllis  
**SEBANC** Mark  
**SERNOSKIE** Peter  
**SHALLA** Bronis

**SHALLA** Jan  
**SHIRES** Judith  
**SHULIST** Alex  
**SHULIST** Allan  
**SKEBO** Aurelia  
**STAMPLECOSKIE** Clemence  
**STEFAN** Rosa  
**SUMMERS** Bill  
**TOWNS** Keith  
**TOWNS** Mona  
**TURNER** Margaret  
**TURNER** Mary Lou  
**UTRONKIE** Marcella  
**VALLER** Josef  
**WAGHORN** Denise  
**WHALEN** Anastasia  
**WRIGHT** Edgar  
**YANTHA** Ronald  
**YERETCH** Caroline  
**ZAHOROUSKI** Larry



## HOW TO MAKE AN IN MEMORIAM GIFT

The death of a loved one is never easy. If you want a unique way to honour a loved one while remaining connected with family and friends, consider making an In Memoriam donation in a loved one's name to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

With your kind gift, not only will you be helping to support local healthcare, the Foundation will

send an In Memoriam card to a family member to acknowledge the donation. These cards are a perfect way to show that you are thinking of them and provide some comfort during this difficult time.

We would love to assist you with your In Memoriam gift. Contact us today for more information.

# LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

## EVA'S LAST GIFT

Eva Kulas (Afelskie) had an infectious smile and a caregiver's heart. After selling insurance for many years in Killaloe, she retired and spent her time giving back to her community.

She was a proud supporter of local healthcare, and was one of the original members of the MV Hospice Palliative Care Board. She served as an Honourary Chair of the Giving Wings to Hospice Campaign, which helped bring a two-bed hospice to the Madawaska Valley.

Eva's journey eventually led her to Miramichi Lodge in Pembroke, where she passed at the age of 85 years on February 10, 2023. Her daughter, Patricia Hazelton, said it was important to Eva to leave a lasting legacy on local healthcare by including

a gift in her will to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

"Over the years, living in the area, the hospital and the services offered were never taken for granted by Eva," Patricia explained. "Having a facility of such high quality, she considered it a blessing."

Creating a gift in your will for local healthcare is the simplest way to create a legacy of everlasting care. Legacy gifts provide vital, stable support for the work of our healthcare teams and whether your estate is large or small, you can make a difference for so many patients and families in our communities and provide quality care for years to come.

For more information, visit [www.sfvhfoundation.com](http://www.sfvhfoundation.com) or call 613-756-3045 ext. 217.



## SAMPLE WORDING FOR OBITUARIES

If you are organizing your loved one's obituary and would like some sample wording to help direct donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, consider using any of the following phrases:

- 1 In Memory of (loved one's name), the family respectfully requests donations to the SFVH Foundation.
- 2 In lieu of flowers, donations to the SFVH Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

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## LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Present this information to your lawyer if you are planning to make a gift to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation in your will.

Sample statement to add to your will:

"I direct my trustee(s) to pay to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Barry's Bay, Ont., the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_% of my estate, or the gift of \_\_\_\_)

to be applied as determined by the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation. Legal name: St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Charitable number: 89453 4817 RR0001

Address: 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, PO Box 129, Barry's Bay, Ont. K0J 1B0

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