



## Muriel Palmer Jacobson

July 15, 1914 - October 29, 2020

Muriel Palmer Jacobson, age 106, passed away peacefully in Blacksburg, Virginia on October 29, with her daughter at her side. Born on 15 July 1914 in Connell, Carleton County, New Brunswick, Canada, she was the daughter of Howard Colter Taylor and Georgia Pearle (Strange) Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and her husband, Samuel G. Jacobson.

Muriel obtained a First Class Superior teaching license after graduating from Provincial Normal School in Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1932 at the age of 18 yr. She taught in various New Brunswick public schools before entering Mount Allison University, New Brunswick in 1938. At Mount Allison she completed the requirements for a four year Bachelor of Household Science degree in two years and graduated in the summer of 1940. After her marriage to Samuel in 1943, the couple lived in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, where Muriel established the city's first night school Adult Education Program in Home Economics in 1944. After retiring from full time teaching to raise three children, she continued to teach Adult Education classes and substituted in Household Science departments of public schools in Halifax and Dartmouth, N.S.

In 2000 Muriel emigrated from Canada to the United States to join her daughter in Virginia. She lived at Warm Hearth Retirement Community in Blacksburg, Virginia, and was active on the Residents Council and Board of Directors there for many years. While living in Nova Scotia, she was an active member of Canadian Federation of University Women for over fifty years and she held various executive and committee offices in that organization. She was also active for many years in Parent Teacher Associations and in the Nova Scotia Dressage Association, where she was an office-holder. She served several years as Secretary of the Board of Education at Beth Israel Synagogue, also establishing the library there and serving as its first librarian.

Muriel lived a long and full life, touching the lives of many who looked to her loving nature and her cheerful, positive outlook on life as an inspiration. As she aged, she continued to enjoy good health, riding her beloved pony Jiminy Cricket on the beach in Nova Scotia

until she was in her early 80's, and walking her little dog daily, rain or shine. She loved being outside in nature, baking desserts, spending time with her family, and keeping in touch with many dear friends in Canada. She was a loving, caring parent and best friend to her three children, and she extended that same affection to several "surrogate" sons and daughters with whom she remained closely connected over many years.

She is survived by her daughter Wendy Jacobson of Newport VA, and sons Neil Jacobson (Barbara Roosth) of Dallas TX, and David Jacobson (Yvonne Yetman) of Dartmouth NS, and special friends Penny and Jerome Tovey of Lower Sackville NS. She will be in our hearts and her memory cherished always.

# Comments

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“ I met Muriel on the occasion of her 90th birthday when she accompanied her daughter, Wendy, to an adult camp for dressage riders that I organized. Wendy had shared that this was a milestone birthday for her mom, but none of those in attendance imagined that this tiny little lady was 90, as she walked about the farm, up and down the hill from the stables to the arena for 4 days. She attended several of our annual camps. I continued to see her grooming for Wendy at horse shows over the next years and she always greeted me with a smile and her eyes just glowed when she spoke of her love of horses and people who rode them. She was an inspiration to another generation of "horse girls" and I loved her spirit. My world was a little brighter because of dear Muriel.

Laura Nelson - January 05 at 10:28 AM

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“ Both my husband Dennis and myself were sorry to read about the Muriel's passing in the Chronicle Herald newspaper.

Jacobson's Store in downtown Dartmouth, was one of the popular and iconic stores where we shopped for clothing over the years while it was open.

Living next door to Muriel and Sam on Lakeview Ave for 16 years while we raised our rambunctuous four children, Muriel and I shared many a story when we met outside gardening. I remember one of them - she told the story of our children playing "hide and seek" around the neighbourhood with the Mugford boys. On this occasion, while one of our twins Michael, was hiding, he piddled around the corner of their home- we laughed and I had to remind him of the necessity and courtesy of using indoor bathrooms. We also tackled the never ending spread of wild blackberry bushes from our back yard through her hedge. We shared her grief when Sam passed.

I especially admired Muriel's athletic ability - she had her horse stable near Porter's Lake and always enjoyed rides in the country. She had many stories of her long rides, restful grooming and a fall in later years that curtailed her horseback riding.

Muriel enjoyed her family, her community involvements and a sip of tea when we had time. All together, she was a pleasure to be with and we share warm memories of her.

Sincerely  
Karen and Dennis Mader  
Cornwall  
Prince Edward Island

Karen Mader - December 23, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ My mother worked for Mrs. Jacobson and they kept in touch for years. Mrs. Jacobson always treated my mother(Edith Burns) as an equal and not as a servant. I remember going to work with her sometimes and playing with Wendy. I wanted to send our good thoughts and care your way at this sad time. Bonnie Burns Cameron

**Bonnie Cameron** - December 22, 2020 at 05:50 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy' on your Morhers passing . I remember her as a beautiful warm woman who loved family.. Gloria Jacobson Pink

**Gloria Pink** - December 22, 2020 at 06:23 AM