

****Obituary for Joan Semeniuk (nee Seaby)****

April 28, 1935 - January 7, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Semeniuk, 89, of Ottawa, who left this world peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on April 28, 1935, in Ottawa, Joan was the beloved eldest child of George and Gladys Seaby.

Joan shared 58 years of marriage with her devoted husband, Peter. Together, they raised three wonderful children: Peter, Karen (Kevin Ouellette), and Kevin (Stephanie). Joan's love and guidance extended to her five cherished grandchildren—Alexander, Katya, Katrina, Anna, and Ella. She is survived by her loving brother, George Seaby. Joan was predeceased by her parents and her brothers: John (Inge), Murray, Richard (Louise), and Robert (Ann).

Pre-marriage, Joan enjoyed traveling to Europe and worked at the National Research Council where she met Peter. After welcoming her first child, Joan dedicated herself to motherhood while remaining an active member of her community. She played an instrumental role in various curling organization with the Ladies Curling Association (LCA), RA Curling Club, and Crystal Heart (formerly Crystal Pebble) to name a few. Joan also was active within the St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, through her involvement in the UCWL, the church summer camp and various events and fundraiser.

Joan's passion was curling and stayed involved both on and off the ice until a few years ago. She also enjoyed time with friends, playing bridge and golfing, and spending quality moments with the family. Joan was renowned for her kindness, dedication and the lasting impressions she made on all who knew her. Joan will be deeply missed but always remembered for her loving nature and the positive impact she made on so many lives.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Beechwood Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass followed by a reception will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 beginning at 10:00 AM at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Shrine.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada (<https://www.bloodcancers.ca/>)