Jacqueline Sutherland

MAY 10, 2026



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jacqueline Sutherland (née Tarry), who passed away peacefully on May 10, 2026, with her husband by her side, holding her hand.

Our family would like to sincerely thank the paramedics, doctors, nurses, and staff at Delta Hospital for their care, compassion, and efforts to save her life.

Jackie was born on June 14, 1948, in Vancouver. She spent most of her summers growing up at her family cottage in Lindell Beach on Cultus Lake — a place she loved deeply and where she will be greatly missed.

Jackie found joy in playing the viola, teaching music, and performing in many orchestras, including the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Niagara Symphony Orchestra, and, most recently, the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra.

Jackie is survived by her beloved husband of 46 years, Don Sutherland; her daughter, Elizabeth Oliver (David Oliver); and her two amazing grandchildren, Meredith and Jackson, who will forever cherish her memory.

Celebrations of Jackie’s life will be held later in August in British Columbia and September in Hamilton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada** or the **Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Donation** Page.

Messages of Condolence

It is with great sadness that I am writing this and hope with all of my heart that Don, Elizabeth, Dave, Meredith and Jackson will find the strength in each other and themselves to cope with this loss. Jackie was my friend for 51 years and I will really miss her. I know she loved her husband, family, friends, playing her viola and Rusty. We had many conversations about all of this when we would get together. She was a truly loving person who didn’t judge anyone and loved her life both in Ontario and in B. C. Goodbye my friend.

— Helen Tobias and family

We will miss Jackie, a lot. She was always friendly, funny and inclusive of everyone and we all loved sharing stories from our past. Jackie was an amazing mom , grandma, partner and friend to so many of us. She pulled everyone together and never hesitated to open her home to all. Let’s celebrate her love and remember the happy moments!

— Karen Hopkinson

Sending all of you so much love. You have all been our extended family for my entire life, not only did Liz and I grow up together our kids have. We love you all so much and we are so sad to have lost Jackie. Jackie will be dearly missed, we will cherish all the memories we have created together.

— Boudreau

We are deeply saddened and shocked by Jackie’s passing. I considered Jackie an aunt even though we were not related. I knew her since I was a toddler, she babysat me at that time and I wore her out! She was a huge part of my childhood and helped me through rough times when I was a teenager. We kept in regular contact and my husband Michael and son Anthony were very close to her as well as to the rest of the family. After we left Canada we visited regularly and I am so glad that we saw her this past winter. She was a vibrant, happy and sociable person who always made everyone feel comfortable and valued. We will miss her terribly.

— Paul family

We were shocked and saddened to hear of Jackies passing. All our memories of her are beautiful, her kindness and loving spirit. She always found time to visit us in Ottawa and we are so thankful for that. Her gifts to my grandchildren always so thoughtful. We will miss her terribly but holding onto those special memories. Her love for her family and Don sets an example for us all.

— David and Pam Fay

Jackie, my dear soul sister. Will miss you and love you forever.

— Monica Corkran

Life sends events we can’t prepare for. Such is the ending of Jackie’s life. I am shocked and sad that her calm, kind presence won’t be amongst us physically.Jackie lived a life to be admired. To her end, she was a loving soul. She was vibrant in her social life, acknowledged everyone, & made the young & old feel like they mattered. Jackie will be remembered for her kindnesses as well as her care and concern for her long time circle of friends, as well as her community. We will miss her inclusive socials, and opportunities to remember our lucky childhoods together.Jackie modelled volunteerism. For example, it will be a difficult task for the Lindell Regatta committee to fill her judging chair for the diving competitions! Due to the active participation of Don and Elizabeth and her grandchildren’s in this community, I know that her memory will live on here, and for that I am grateful. I still remember her capable mother taking my sister and I for an end of day water skis. I valued her interest in my children, and treasure a vase she gave me as a wedding gift. Their legacy of kindness lives on.Jackie’s high level of musical talents was also prevalent in her life. I was always impressed with how she talked about her music students with such interest & human concern. She was so dedicated - as she was to her orchestral jobs. I admired her joy of the disciplined practise such that she could still keep up to the rigour required to be in an orchestra. What a gift to be able to share with the world!As was so evident always, Jackie modelled family love so beautifully such that the reciprocity of this deep, and loyal love was obvious. She would have left this world knowing they would take care of each other. What a gift to have at your time of departure in this life!Now, free from the physical challenges as we age, Jackie’s soul can continue her loving support whenever her loved ones need her, from wherever they choose to be.Thank-you, dear woman. We will miss your presence, your open heart, & dedication to making this world a more joyous, and loving one for all you knew. I guess your “soul work” here on earth was completed. Our loss.Wishing Don, Elizabeth, Dave, Meredith & Jackson, my heartfelt condolences and inner strength to move forward with her in

your hearts. She can be with you there forever.Patti

— Patti Hinds

It is with shock and sincere sadness to hear about Jackie‘s passing. Our heart goes out to Don, Elizabeth, David, Meredith and Jackson. Jackie was a bright light to everyone on 7th Street, Lindell Beach. Our highlight every year is when she plays the viola at Aubree‘s birthday with impromptu performances which we all loved. Her smile and positivity will truly be missed and the beach will never be the same without you.

— Chu family at Lindell Beach

I had the wonderful opportunity to perform alongside, and under the leadership of Jackie in the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra for the last year. Although I only knew her for a short time, she was very encouraging, welcoming, and an engaged and dedicated musician. She is very missed.

— Lily Barraclough

It is with such a heavy heart that I reflect on nearly 50 years of friendship and adventure with Jackie, both musically and otherwise. I benefitted from her non-judgmental loyalty and admired her capacity for love, generosity and commitment. Jackie often reflected how proud she was of her daughter Elizabeth and her grand children and for the uncompromising support of her husband Don. I will always miss her.

— Carmen Nemeth

My sincere condolences to the Sutherland family. I was so sad to hear of Jackie's passing. She was an incredible soul, loving and kind, a strong dedicated musician and mentor to all of us younger orchestral musicians. She will be dearly missed by her colleagues. May she rest in eternal peace

— Siobhan Kerr

Dear Don & Family, My Deepest Condolences!Eric D. Fahn (VIOLIST)

— Eric D. Fahn

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