

# Remembering former King resident Dona Whitman-Mortelliti

Dona Whitman-Mortelliti, a former King City resident of 26 years, passed away Dec. 24 at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Dona was born in Kirkland Lake, Nov. 28 1937

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to Thelma and Horace Whitman. After having spent her formative years in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, She moved to Toronto where she met and fell in love with Salvatore Mortelliti.

While studying philosophy part-time in the late 1960's at York University's Atkinson College, Dona worked full-time as the Student Programs Officer for York's Faculty of Fine Arts. In 1974 she graduated with a degree in philosophy.

In 1978, after being diagnosed with breast cancer (during an era where mastectomy's were common practice) Dona refused both the mastectomy and chemotherapy and was given six months to live. However, she researched the issue and chose to follow the recommendations of Linus Pauling by putting her self on large doses of Vitamin C, to which she credited beating the cancer and the odds. This experience changed her life, reinvigorated her passion for the study of philosophy and served as the impetus for her quest toward good health and nutrition. Where as it is now commonly understood that the ingestion of "trans fats" are linked to cancer, Dona was educating her

friends and loved ones on the dangers of trans fats in the early 1980s.

She was always at least 10 years ahead of her time. In the mid-'80s Dona recommenced her studies in philosophy at York, where she completed her master's degree, and then went on to pursue a PhD, focusing on existentialists Jean-Paul Sartre, Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Martin Heidegger.

# Some stores attracted business from outside King

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Kathy Vogan of Piety Ridge Primitives said their sales slightly decrease, as people were buying some gifts and less decorations than usual.

Restaurants, such as Daniel's of Nobleton, had about the same business as last year, with gift certificates selling especially well, according to owner Daniel Gilbert.

Dollar N' Party experienced above average sales throughout the holiday season, but again not as high as last year's earnings, Ajmer Sing reported. Its biggest sales came from gift cards,

It was during her PhD work that she discovered her true calling - teaching. She was a reader, researcher and teacher, but fundamentally she was a romantic with a "down east," self-deprecating sense of humour that could make you laugh 'til you cried.

Dona is survived by her husband Sal, her children Paul and his wife Christine, Kim, and Cleve and his wife

Catherine, and her grandchildren Justin, Cole and Cody.

*"Time is not a thing, thus nothing which is, and yet it remains constant in its passing away without being something temporal like the beings in time."* Martin Heidegger

We love and miss you Mom. Your spirit lives on in us.



Dona Whitman-Mortelliti

decorations and several different toys.

Other businesses such as The Rose Gallery, were very happy with sales throughout

the holiday season.

"It was very good as people came from King City, Schomberg, Aurora, Toronto, as well as

Nobleton, so we had good crisp sales from the flow of customers during the holidays," said owner Ron Ivany.

# Library closed this Sunday

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Mark your calendars for Tuesday evening Lenten events Feb. 12, 19 and 26. Rev. Jerry Loweth will lead us in discussion on medieval church history, the Reformation, and the Gnostics. This will be an interesting series for all history buffs.

All Saints' Anglican Church, at 12935 Keele St.

in King City, is a few doors south of King Road. The church office is open Tuesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you know of a need or have a family member in hospital, contact Rev. Nicola Skinner at (905) 833-5432, or e-mail allsaints@eol.ca. the Web site is at www.allsaintskingcity.com

## Seniors' euchre

The first euchre evening

for 2008 at King City Seniors' Centre will be this Friday (Jan. 11).

It will start at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

## Library closed Sunday

Some renovation work is being done at the King City branch of the Township's public library, so it will be closed this Sunday (Jan. 13).

It will reopen at its usual time Monday morning

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