

WINNIE WAKEFIELD - ARRÊT

Stop - Winnie Wakefield! Who are they kidding. There was no stopping Winnie at any time. For those who have never met her, Winnie and husband Colin were original members of St Mike's. She was a very special lady and a wonderful friend to all St. Mike's parishioners. Win was also very involved with the City of Pierrefonds as a volunteer. Fading memories seem to recall that she did volunteer work at a home for intellectually-challenged youth in the city, and also volunteered with Hope & Cope, conversing and comforting breast cancer victims. Winnie did not drive so her travels in the community were by bus, taxi or on foot.

At the church, Winnie was a real character, a joker and very playful at most times. Winnie loved playing tricks on people just to get a laugh, especially our rector, Barry Clarke. She appeared one day wearing large plastic lips? Not sure if Barry ever stopped laughing. Win never lost her English accent, and could be heard all over the building when she called out for someone - and one was very wise to respond quickly. Some folks remember her crazy hats. She would always don a hat for the Nearly New Sale where she was the coordinator for many years. Winnie did a wonderful job dressing up for the Annual Victorian Tea (or was it the Strawberry Social?) and encouraged other ladies to do the same. It is nice to see that the tradition is still with us.



Winnie took over from Barbara Sherstone (the Sergeant) as the person responsible for our kitchen operations. It seemed to be a very smooth takeover as Barb and Winnie were great friends and worked for years together in the kitchen.

Win died many years ago. Her picture hangs in the kitchen, which was remodeled as a memorial to Winnie by her family. The City of Pierrefonds thought enough of Winnie to name a street after her and a tree was planted in her memory on the church lawn close to Jacques Bizard. Take a look at the tree and think of a fine and much-loved parishioner. You can bet Win is getting a real laugh out of the fuss made about her. But she definitely deserved the honours.

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