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# Former Citizen of Year was a tireless volunteer

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Mary Cline was a fundraiser extraordinaire for numerous charities, particularly the Canadian Cancer Society, which honoured her with its highest award, the Gold Caduceus.

Cline, who was named Mississauga Citizen of the Year in 1987, died last Wednesday.



Former Mississauga Citizen of the Year Mary Cline died last Wednesday at the age of 90.

She was 90.

The Gold Caduceus was presented to Cline for her tireless efforts in driving cancer patients to and from Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto for some 35 years.

The longtime Mississauga resident was also awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003 and the Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 1992.

She also volunteered with Girl Guides, Canadian Red Cross and Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, a national volunteer group. Visiting shut-ins at Sheridan Villa was also one of her pet projects.

When Cline was named Citizen of the Year, she said her desire to volunteer came from an appreciation of good health.

"We are on Earth for such a relatively short time that we should make the most of it and do all that we can to help others," she said.

Cline married her husband, Bill, in 1941, and moved to Clarkson in 1954. They were members of Clarkson's Christ Church United.

Bill died in 1989. Months later, Cline's only son, (William) Scott Cline, died. Her spirit was almost broken, but the support of remaining family, friends and the community kept her going.

For the last six years, she lived in Oakville, at Kensington Retirement Residence.

Cline is survived by her daughter, Carol Ann Brayman, and her husband, Dr. David Williams, several grandsons, a great-granddaughter and sister, Dorothy Dorman.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 12, at 2 p.m., at Christ Church United, 1700 Mazo Cr.

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