

To you, beautiful Gisèle,

Gisèle was a gentle and loving wife and mother. Bruno was her partner through all those years, in hardship as well as in joy. He meant the world to her, and she loved him unconditionally. In September 1986, they were united by the sacred bonds of marriage.

To her children, Audrey and Nicolas, she passed on many beautiful values and qualities. She was a devoted mother who always made sure they had nothing to want for.

Gisèle was a wonderful mother-in-law to Pierre-Luc and Laury. Always welcoming and warm, she made them feel as though they had always been part of her family.

Gisèle was an extraordinary grandmother. She was always playing with Charles and Romy, inventing new games and singing nursery rhymes with them. She was always there, ready to help them discover the world and the treasures of nature with her legendary patience.

Gisèle was the fifth child in a family of seven. Always surrounded by loved ones, she cherished spending time with her brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Gisèle worked for more than 35 years in early childhood education as an educator. Even before starting her own family, the well-being of children was close to her heart. She devoted herself fully to her work for the benefit of little ones.

Gisèle was a woman who knew how to appreciate life's small joys. From her traditional Pierre Lalonde song, "*C'est le temps des vacances*," which she always played just before the start of her summer holidays, to reading her newspaper in the morning while sipping a good coffee; from dining out with the people she loved, to harvesting fiddleheads in the spring as family tradition dictated; from tending to her flower beds and creating floral arrangements, to swimming (even when the water was freezing); from

singing along with her favourite guitarist, to walking during snowstorms when everything was deserted and the streets were blanketed in snow; from camping to discover new landscapes, to enjoying seafood and lobster in New Brunswick or Gaspésie; from picking strawberries and blueberries (which she said was therapeutic), to savouring a good steak on Saturday nights; and from walks along the river or in the forest to observe nature. Gisèle often said, “listen to the sound of the wind,” “look how beautiful it is.” She truly knew how to appreciate life.

Gisèle was courageous and resilient. Even when the days were not always sunny, she faced adversity with strength. Thank you, Gisèle, for braving the storm to remain longer with the people you loved.

We will never forget you. You will remain in our memories and in our hearts forever. Your presence will be deeply missed.

We love you.

Your family