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**Helen McDonald** *cont'd from front cover*

Niece Signe Jones states, "The level of care and compassion that Helen has experienced has exceeded our expectations". Signe further reflects "how very different their family life would have been if her aunt had not come to St. Joseph's Villa". Both Signe and her father Douglas live in the United States and staff at the Villa have become extensions of the McDonald/Jones family. Douglas recalls that when they first came to St. Joseph's Villa they realized that there was something different, something very special about the Villa. As the years have gone by and Helen's health has declined her

care needs have become more complex. The Villa has continued to treat Helen with dignity and compassion.

A planned gift ensures that St. Joseph's Villa will continue to provide the very best in care and compassion for seniors. It is their hope that this planned gift will allow life to continue to be fulfilling for every resident, not only today but also in the days to come. It has been said, "In life what sometimes appears to be the end is really a new beginning" *Anonymous*. In the case of Helen McDonald this appears to be the truth. 

*"Leaders know  
where they're going  
and persuade others  
to join them"*

*Arthur C. Frantzreb(1920-)*

*"The future belongs to those who plan for it"*

*Charles R. Schwarz*

## The Cornerstone of Our Future

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The Estate and Financial Planning Newsletter for Friends of St. Joseph's Villa Foundation

## St. Joseph's Villa – Brings a New World to a Very Special Lady

*"Giving helps the giver as much as those to whom the gift goes.*

*It broadens the vision,*

*and enlarges life.*

*It cultivates love, sympathy and kindness.*

*It develops nobility of character, and generosity of conduct.*

*Anonymous*

**H**elen McDonald was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. She came to Canada at the young age of 6 years with her parents, one sister and two brothers. When she was 8 years old her family moved to Hamilton. As a young girl Helen attended Victoria Avenue School and upon completion began working at Westinghouse Inc. For twenty-one years, Helen was involved in quality control inspecting air brakes. She loved living downtown and shopping was one of her favourite pastimes.

Prior to 1986, Helen's health began to fail. A bout with gall bladder problems led to a hospital stay. It was at this time that Helen and her sister Mary felt that Helen needed more care and support. On October 21, 1986 Helen came to St. Joseph's Villa and a new chapter in her life began.

Once settled in, a new world opened for Helen—a world that was filled with people and activity. For many years prior to coming to the Villa, Helen lived alone and socialized with very few people. At the Villa, she would tell stories, participate in the social activities and generally enjoyed the daily routine.

She enjoyed meeting and chatting with the Sisters who lived and worked at the Villa.

Every Sunday she would call her sister Mary, who was now

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Like other residents, Helen blossomed in this new environment and her confidence increased.

It has been 15 years since that first day that Helen arrived. Her brother-in-law Douglas Jones and niece Signe Jones state that the Villa's promise to care for Helen has been surpassed.