

Parkwood Church,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

August 1, 2026  
11:00 a.m.

**Mary Elizabeth MacPherson (née Chase)**

August 28, 1941 – June 28, 2026

Prelude

Call to Worship

Philippians 4: 6-7; John 14: 1-3, 27; John 3: 16-18; John 1: 12

Prayer of Approach

Hymn – **Abide with me**

Remembering

Catherine MacPherson  
Ian MacPherson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – **All praise to Thee, my God**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - **Psalms 145 (responsively)**

New Testament - **2 Corinthians 4: 5–5: 21**

Meditation – “Live now — for then”

Prayers of Intercession and Supplication

Hymn – **Great God, we sing that mighty hand**

Benediction

*“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.  
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

**(2 Corinthians 4: 18, NIV)**

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Mary Elizabeth MacPherson (née Chase), 84, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2026, at The Ravines Retirement Residence, surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Robert Everett and May Chase, and a devoted sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt.

She will be deeply missed by her beloved husband of more than 60 years, John Roger MacPherson; her children, Catherine MacPherson and Ian MacPherson (Jessica); and her grandchildren, Harper and Reese MacPherson. She is also survived by her brother, Robert E. Chase; her niece, Sherry Burow (Fred); and many members of the extended Chase and MacPherson families across Canada.

Raised in an Air Force family, Mary embraced a life of adventure, service, and community from an early age. As a proud military wife, she and Roger built a life together that took them to many places and introduced them to lifelong friends around the world. No matter where they called home, Mary had a remarkable gift for making others feel welcome. Her warmth, generosity, and genuine interest in people created lasting friendships that endured across both time and distance. Mary will be remembered for her kindness, creativity, determination, and wonderful sense of humour. She loved music, found joy in life's simple pleasures, and approached both challenges and celebrations with quiet resilience and grace. Above all, she gave generously of herself and enriched the lives of all who knew her through her warmth, compassion, and steadfast love.

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Thanks is expressed to Dianne Smith for musical accompaniment; to Abraham Ren and Alta MacFie for assistance with visuals and livestreaming; and to the Fellowship Team for hosting the reception.

All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following the service. Inurnment at Beechwood Cemetery will immediately follow the reception.

## All praise to Thee, my God

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light!  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on Thee repose,  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Thomas Ken, 1637-1711)



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Sunrise: August 28, 1941  
Sunset: June 28, 2026