



SISTER ELAINE MACINNES OLM Died on November 29, 2022 at Presentation Manor after a lengthy illness. Predeceased by parents John and Georgina (Melanson) MacInnes, brother Bill MacInnes and sisters Olwin Landry and Ethel Gray-Grant.

Born and educated in Moncton N.B., Elaine studied violin at Mount Allison University in Sackville N.B. and Julliard School of Music in New York. She taught violin at Mount Royal College Conservatory in Calgary and played in the

Calgary and Edmonton symphony orchestras until she entered Our Lady's Missionaries in 1953.

Her first mission was in Japan where she taught violin and began studying Zazen meditation, eventually teaching Zen and being granted the title of Roshi. When Elaine was transferred to the Philippines she opened a Zen centre in Manila. She was invited to teach Zen meditation in a Detention Centre. This was the beginning of many years of prison ministry which led to her commitment to restorative justice. It also led to an invitation to become the director of the Prison Phoenix Trust in Oxford, England, a program that brought Zen meditation and yoga into prisons. In 2001 Elaine was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada for "offering a path of hope and peace for those who were in prison".

In 2003 Elaine "retired" and returned to Toronto, Canada. Here she continued in her two beloved ministries by starting a Zen meditation group and the "Freeing the Human Spirit" program for bringing Zen and yoga to prisoners. When failing health prompted her to wind down active participation, Elaine never lost interest in her former colleagues and students, always happy to receive visitors and give support and encouragement. Elaine was loved for her warm and friendly way of making lasting connections with people of all walks of life.

While living at Presentation Manor Elaine enjoyed participating in activities with her own community as well as with the larger Presentation Manor community. The dedicated care and support that Elaine received from the staffs of Presentation Manor and Canadian Religious Stewardship was deeply appreciated.