

JIM & EDNA CLAYDON RADIATION TREATMENT CLINIC

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Edna M. (George) Claydon was born in Queensport Guysborough County, Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth George.

Before entering the Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing, Edna worked in the Royal Bank in Guysborough. (*The bank now a gift shop & heritage site, 2013*).

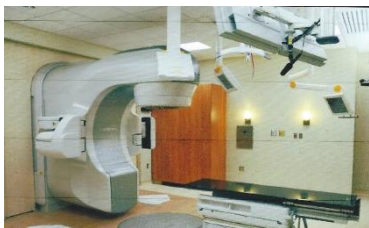
Following graduation from the VG School of Nursing, in 1953 A class, Edna worked in emergency at the VG, Halifax. Then for a time she worked as an Airline Hostess with TCA (Trans- Canada Airlines). The story as told; while flying back to Toronto, Jim tried to date Edna who was the Stewardess at the time but she paid no attention. She said "Probably just another 'guy' making a pass on the stewardess and ignored the invitation". Sometime time later she received a call from Jim. She was amazed that he managed to get her phone number. This shows his determination and why he was such a successful business person.

Edna married Jim Claydon in 1963 after meeting him on a 'famous' flight. She was working out of Toronto at the time. They resided in Toronto where they brought up their two children, a son and a daughter. Edna & Jim travel extensively, just about all over the world.

Edna was an active volunteer with the Salvation Army; church activities; coordinated Appeal and collected for the Wish Foundation; Canadian Maple Wings and after selling cook books, this group gave \$80,000.00 to the Children's Hospital in Toronto.

In 2011 Edna and her husband donated a blanket warmer to the Cystoscopy Clinic at the VG site, because she always felt a strong connection to this hospital as she remembered her 'Training Days' with passion and gratitude for such a wonderful education which 'stood her in good stead' over the years.

Again, Edna and her husband Jim gave 1.7 million dollars to the VG site for specialized radiation equipment to treat cancer patients in 2013. This will reduce the patient wait time for treatment. A building has been named in their honour called "James and Edna Claydon Radiation Clinic", which is next to the Dickson building, VG Site.



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A dedication and a luncheon was provided in the Weather Watch dining area to honour Jim and Edna Claydon for their generous contribution to cancer patient care. Classmates who attended the 'Dedication Ceremony': Lt.-Rt – Gloria (Webb) Stephens, Edna,(George) Claydon and Manny (Schaffner) Thorton.

Jim Claydon passed away in 2022 and Edna still lives in Toronto.



This is one of three linear accelerators used to deliver high-dose radiation treatment to destroy cancer cells. This new equipment delivers more focused radiation to the cancer sites increasing protection to the healthy surrounding tissue and helps shorten treatment times.

