



Norma Kenney

(1925-1990)

*“She had an ability to weave a special magic with
a spirited strength that few could match”*

Karen Linden, 1989

Entertainer and preserver of Mission’s heritage, Norma Kenney (nee Locke), (1925-1990) was born in Montreal and moved to Ottawa as a young girl.

At the age of eighteen she enrolled in the Toronto Conservatory of Music which set the stage for her career as a singer. While pursuing this career she met Mart Kenney who she later married and in 1969 they moved to Mission.

Once in Mission Norma turned her attention to other things. She was a member of the Mission Arthritis Society and she was the charter president of the Mission Heritage Association.

As a member of the Heritage Association Norma lead the drive for the preservation land where the St. Mary’s Residential School use to be. In 1986 this dream became a reality with the completion of the Norma Kenney House and the opening of Heritage Park.

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