



Betty Joanne Holgate

March 22, 2020

Our beloved mother, mum, mamma, momma bear ~ Betty Joanne Holgate, left us in grand fashion over a lavishly set dinner table unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22nd 2020. We have great comfort and peace knowing she passed in the company of her dear friends. A James Bond Girl in her prime, a fashion virtuoso that gave Imelda Marcos a run for her money, our mother was the most beautiful, selfless soul you'd have the fortune to know. Highly intelligent, equipped with a wicked sense of humor, mum was endlessly entertaining to be around. Her beautiful smile could fix nearly anything, her wheezing laughter contagious, and armed with playful devilish glances she always got her rouse.

Though we feel it is too soon, mum always said, "When your ticket's punched, it's punched. Put me in a Chock full o'Nuts coffee can but don't hang on to me long. And if I ever make it into a wheel chair, roll me to the top of a cliff, take off the break, and let me decide which way I roll!"

Let's just say you might want to pass on the coffee at our house for the next little while.

Daughter of Thomas and Grace Best, she is survived by her children Asa Holgate (son) and Amber Holgate (daughter); her siblings Barb Best (sister) Bill Best (brother) Kelly Best (sister-in-law); and her nieces and nephews; Matt, Linsey, Letitia, Shawna, Crystal, Sylvain, and Geoff; and by her loving friends Greg Peterson, Pierre Nadeau, Susan Karlau, and Shawn Turner.

In lieu of flowers please perform a kind act for a stranger, give a genuine smile to a passerby, put positive vibes out into the universe, or make a small donation to your local animal shelter.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date.

We love you Jan Bats!

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Comments



“ Dear Asa and Amber--I was so saddened to learn of the passing of your Mom. She was a very special person and friend to many and we will all miss her wonderful and wicked sense of humor and observations on life. We had many good times together that I will remember fondly. She was always kind and gave of herself without question.

Joanne was so proud of you both and always had such pride in your accomplishments, You are a credit to her!!

I will miss Joanne.

Susan R. Karlau

Susan R Karlau - May 06, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ I was on East General hospital dept Maintenance dept knew Joanne Holgate very well for many years even done some work for her at the hospital very knowledgeable woman very polite at least to me. i liked her very much sorry of her passing. SHE WAS A GREAT SUPERVISOR FOR HOUSEKEEPING DEPT. I MISSED HER WHEN SHE LEFT. AN AMAZING WOMAN.

ANTHONY



ANTHONY - April 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ I worked at Toronto East General for 10 years and got along famously with her. She was a great person. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. May she Rest In Peace

Debbie Fullan - April 29, 2020 at 07:08 PM