



Donna Louise Fitzpatrick (nee Whitaker)

January 30, 2021

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of Donna's sudden passing on January 30, 2021 in Toronto, Ontario. She was born in Montreal on August 26, 1953. First among the many who mourn her passing, Donna leaves behind her husband and partner in all things, Declan. Since 1978 these two shared their love and lives with family and friends in Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and England. Donna will be dearly missed by many including her sister, Linda Manwarren (Steve), brothers Ken and Brian, Stephanie(niece), Justin (nephew) and the entire Fitzpatrick clan especially Nickie and Brian. She was predeceased by her father, Sydney (1979) and her mother, Violet (2008).

Donna grew up in Montreal and began her working career in administrative support. Donna and Declan relocated to Toronto in 1981 where she eventually worked as an Office Assistant with the TDSB. Her caring and loving nature found particular joy interacting with special needs students. As a sports fan, she created frequent gatherings to watch games and engaged in texts and conversations with family and friends about the latest scores and bloopers. This interest soon led to assisting Declan in the organization of a football pool for several years. She loved hosting gatherings of family and friends at their Scarborough home. Donna was generous in spirit and caring of others, family and friends alike. We toast her with a glass of good red wine. She is missed deeply, will always live in our hearts and minds and will be remembered as a kind and loving person by many.

Cremation has taken place and COVID dictates we postpone any celebration of her life. We hope to have a gathering of family and close friends, when permitted, where we can share hugs, memories and love for she dearly loved pulling people together.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, memorial donations may be sent to Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital 150 Kilgour Road, Toronto, ON M4G 1R8 or through their website at www.hollandbloorview.ca.

Comments



“ Dec and Brian (aka Moose),

We are so very sorry for your loss of Donna. She was such an amazing, caring and special person.

Donna was such a meaningful person to me during my teenage years - she was like an older sister to me. She was always there to talk to, no matter what time it was, or the day, and always made me feel like family. I will always be so grateful for those talks we had, and the time spent together.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Fitzpatrick and Whitaker families.

Scott & Laura Conroy

Scott Conroy - February 20 at 08:40 PM



“ Declan, we are so very sorry for your loss. Donna was a beautiful person & we always enjoyed chatting at the family gatherings. Our sincere condolences to you & Donna's family & to Nickie & Brian & the entire Fitzpatrick family. Keep the beautiful memories alive - she will always be with you. Love Suzanne & Steve

Suzanne Weinstein - February 18 at 07:39 PM



“ It's taken a while to find the words.... I'm heartbroken for you Declan, Brian, and for all of Donna's extended family, while at the same time trying to understand the hole left in the Fitzpatrick family by Donna's passing. Donna was so amazing at staying in touch, taking interest in peoples lives and showing she cared about you, whether it was a text to check in or unexpectedly showing up at the rink to cheer on the kids. She opened her home and her heart to so many. I'll miss the laughs, the celebratory drinks, our chats in the kitchen before all the holiday family meals. I'm so grateful for her friendship to my parents, her love and support over my lifetime as my "cool aunt Donna", and the sweet way she cared about Dan, Taryn, and Evan. She loved, and was loved, and will truly be missed.

Julie Gaudry - February 12 at 09:12 PM



“ Beautiful tribute, Julie. Thank you for writing it. You and your family were very special to her.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:06 PM



“ Fitzzy and Brian my condolences go out to you and your family during these harsh times.



Dwayne - February 10 at 09:11 AM



“ We wanted to express our deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.

Stojan, Manuella, Tamara and the rest of the Stojanovic family.

Tamara Stojanovic - February 09 at 09:38 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you Fitzzy and your family! May she rest in peace. Our prayers will be with you during this difficult time!

Juan Tamburri

Juan Tamburri - February 09 at 03:22 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Declan and the Whitaker family, and also to the Fitzpatrick family, Nickie and Brian, nephews and nieces. Donna was a special person to have in one's family. Declan, Normand and I are very sorry for your sudden lost love. May Donna rest in peace.

Hélène Gagné

Hélène Gagné - February 09 at 12:55 PM



“ My condolences to the Whitaker and Fitzpatrick families.

It is with a sad heart that I write this tribute. I was blessed to have Donna in my life for over 40 years. Early on in our friendship, I learned what a devoted, caring and funny person she was - and this carried through consistently throughout the years. She was always there for me, offering her time and support, and never expecting anything in return.

We shared many good laughs and unforgettable adventures (including some hilarious car rides) and I'm so thankful for those moments.

Donna - my sister, my friend - you left this earth too soon and I, like so many others who were touched by your kind and generous spirit, will miss you and cherish your memory.

Love Always,
Joan

Joan Boileau - February 09 at 08:01 AM



“ Thank Joan. She spoke to me often of you and your long friendship was very important to her

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:08 PM



“ Donna and Fitz are life long friends. St Laurent Ste Adele
I have no words . Fitz you know me and you know Donna she rode me for being Red Sox. .
Love her love you

Tom Edge - February 08 at 08:02 PM



“ Our prayers and sincere condolences to Declan and family.
So sorry for your loss
Sincerely

Andy and Kathy Pearl

Kathy Pearl - February 08 at 11:11 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to Declan, Brian, Kenny, and Linda at their very sudden and unexpected loss of a dear wife and sister. Donna would come to our house in St.Laurent when she was just a little girl, to play with Lucy. She was always friendly and respectful to all she met, She will be sadly missed, but remembered for the very loving and caring person that she was. RIP Donna

Mary Alexander

Mary Alexander - February 07 at 06:23 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family.

Donna came to work at Malvern CI in the Guidance Office while I was a counsellor there. She immediately fit in and the department had many fun times. She was always kind and spoke often of her beloved Declan. Although her stay was short, she made a impact on our department.

I will be one that will raise a glass of wine to toast a lovely person.

May all your wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.

Holly Kee

Holly Kee - February 06 at 09:52 PM



“ Declan, Linda, Kenny & Brian,

I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. The world was a much better place when we knew Donna was in our corner. How she celebrated each and everyone of us!

I am a senior citizen and I have known Donna all my life. We would touch base a couple of times a year. Usually on our Birthdays. Always picking up where we left off and always signing off with our childhood script, “Friends Forever.”

RIP Donna and Save my Spot!

Treasure the Memories!



Lucy Alexander Preville - February 06 at 05:11 PM



“ Thank you. I know your enduring friendship was very important to her.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:10 PM



“ My Aunt Donna may not have been related by blood, but she was a chosen family member. My godmother was always there, a strong presence that put everyone at ease. Always willing to open her doors to anyone in need of a good time or a shoulder to cry on. Though she lived a few hours away, knowing she was always in my corner has helped me get through. While I’ve never been someone who enjoyed talking on the phone, I didn’t need to talk to her daily to know she was rooting for me and her spirit has left an everlasting imprint on my heart. She was a strong role model and an impressive woman who had more kindness and love in her heart than most.

Her death was sudden and heart wrenching but she will live on in all of us. I’ll always remember our trips to Toronto to see her, uncle Dec and Moose and will cherish those memories forever.

Erica Kennedy - February 05 at 10:02 PM



“ Thank you, Erica for writing this lovely tribute. She spoke about you often and I know she loved you very much.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:12 PM



“ Declan and Brian. I am deeply saddened to hear of Donna's passing. She was so kind to me and I will always cherish Christmas Eve visits with her and her support for Avas hockey. We are thinking of you. God bless

Vivian Altobelli - February 05 at 07:52 PM



“ Aunt Donna, we will miss you so much.

We're grateful that you were part of some of the best memories we have growing up – from the summer bbq's when we would run up the hill and wave at every train, to each Christmas eve, tracking Santa and playing poker. Even in the middle of a power outage, we had to get together for good food, good wine, great company, and lots of laughs. Your sense of humor and quick wit always put a smile on our faces and your memory will continue to do so.

Uncle Declan & Brian, we are so sorry for your loss. We know that every time we get together, she'll be right there with us, wine in hand!

With lots of love,
Ashley, Pamela & Trevor Whitaker



Ashley Whitaker - February 05 at 07:22 PM



“ Thank you for writing this. Donna often shared the times you got together with her and your news with me. You all held a special place in her heart.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:14 PM



“ Please accept my sincerest condolences to entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Maria De Marco - February 05 at 05:14 PM



“ Please accept my sincerest condolences to entire Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Maria De Marco - February 05 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Declan, we were saddened to learn of Donna's passing. she was indeed kind & compassionate in her views of life. She welcomed people into her life with ease & grace.

Always happy to share a glass of wine & a laugh. Our fondest memory was the first time the 4 of us went to ChiChi's in Montreal(West island)....The Margaritas were flowing, along with the laughs.

Our condolences to Donna's family & extended families.May all the cherished memories ,shared with Donna, bring solace to you, at this most difficult time.

May her soul Rest In Peace.

In friendship, Harriet & Peter Boysen

harriet & Peter boysen - February 05 at 11:10 AM



“ For years, Donna was the voice on the other end of the phone, always warm and cheerful. A life stopped short. My heart goes out to the Family, especially Fitzzy (Declan) and Moose (Brian). Loss of a Loved one is never easy, but when it happens suddenly the grief is magnified. You are in my thoughts!

Grasshopper - February 04 at 11:28 PM



“ Dear Linda, Declan, Ken and Brian,
So very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Donna. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Stewart-Burgoyne

Donna Stewart-Burgoyne - February 04 at 09:39 PM



“ Donna, my sister-in-law. We always referred to each other as sisters-in-law but in fact we were best of friends. We chatted or texted on an almost daily basis. We shared the family holiday dinners, rotating between her house and my house. Family photos and happenings went back and forth. Brian and I shared Saturday evening dinners with Donna and Declan on a regular basis, again discussing the dinner menu and who was providing what. Summer BBQ's were the best! Brian and Donna had recurring "discussions" on Ville St. Laurent locations with neither giving in. Such good times that we will miss.

We spent many holidays together starting very early in their move to Toronto, some in cottage country, sunny beaches of south USA, Calgary and Ireland and England. We still had plans to visit P.E.I.

We miss Donna and will forever cherish her in our hearts. When we raise a glass of good red wine or white (in my case) it will be to honour her memory. Rest in peace my dear best friend.

Love Nickie

Nicole Fitzpatrick - February 04 at 09:39 PM



“ So very lovely, Nickie. Thank you for writing this. I know you held a very special place in her heart.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:16 PM



“ To the Fitzpatrick family,so very sorry for your loss,you are in my thoughts and prayers.keep her memories in your hearts.

Sharon Bennett - February 04 at 02:15 PM



“ Declan and Brian I'm sorry for your loss.

Remo DeSanctis - February 04 at 02:08 PM



“ I met Dec & Donna through Brian back in the late 80's. Donna quickly established herself as my surrogate 'older sister'. She often said "listen to you older sister"! She was a wonderful host to many gatherings, parties and dinners. Always making sure the people close to her were celebrated for their milestones, but never wanting the spotlight for herself.

It was extremely rare to be greeted by Donna without a smile and enthusiasm. Her generosity towards family, friends and family of said friends was boundless. Brian had said "Donna was the glue that kept the family together" even though they were spread across the country.

Will miss you terribly.

Brett Morey - February 04 at 12:03 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Fitzpatrick and Witheker family. I had the opportunity to meet Donna at a 50th Birthday party for her brother Brian, what a lovely and generous human been she was made me feel right at home. You will be missed by many. RIP Donna.

Franca De Petris - February 04 at 05:24 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Declan, Linda, Brian and Ken and Donna's nieces and nephews. My caring thoughts also go out to Nickie and Brian, who shared so many weekends with Donna and Declan. She will be sorely missed by all.



Ghislaine Gagne - February 03 at 09:42 PM



“ We will miss You tremendously, with a heavy heart. We shared so many moments and good times together over the past 30 years. Your summer barbecues were always something to look forward to, always with good cheer! The annual Christmas Eve get together were especially joyous for everyone in our family, the kids looked forward to playing poker with their Aunt Donna (with help from Declan) and Uncle Brian and catching up with news. You are a good person with an abundance of love for everyone! You will be missed Donna!
Your friend and drinking buddy, Victoria
Your friend and cousin, Bob

victoria whitaker - February 03 at 07:11 PM



“ To you Declan all my condolences for your loss
Sincerely Terry Mott

Terry Mott - February 07 at 03:59 PM



“ Thank you Victoria and Bob, I know how much she enjoyed your gatherings.

Linda Manwarren - February 13 at 03:19 PM