



Georgia Katherine Simone Boyd

March 27, 2020

Georgia Katherine Simone Boyd (nee Modesty)

December 10, 1939 - March 27, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Georgia Boyd of Toronto Ontario. Survived by her ever-loving husband, best friend and supporter of 41 years Enzo Simone, sons Randall Jason Fox, Eron Boyd, step-daughter Stephanie MacKay, and grandchildren Ashley Daniel Foot and Maya Occhionero Boyd.

“G,” as she’s lovingly known, was born in Toronto, Ontario. Beginning her life in the rough and tumble Kensington Market and west end of Toronto, Georgia was a hard charging go-getter. She first married Len Fox, and had her first son, Randall and then married jazz legend Lenny Boyd and had another son, Eron.

At this time there was a great shift for equality and cultural rights and Georgia became associated with Jesse Jackson and the PUSH organisation and was part of many social actions.

For Georgia, arts & media was her whole career—and she was on the Dean’s list at Seneca University studying radio & television arts. She was also a talented visual artist and clothing designer with a dress shop in hippie Yorkville in the late 60’s.

Among her many cultural achievements, she founded one of the first Canadian Black theatre companies, Stirring Spoon Theatre; and, later authored a children’s book on a slave escaping to Canada, Anne Marie Weems, which is still being used in the school system today. She also published The Black Dial Directory—making her a true pioneer of Toronto’s Black community.

She also created an anthology of black music from the African diaspora to more contemporary music called Music is the Message, that she presented to schools in concert form with slides and live musicians; she also wrote an original musical called

Million Dollar Babe for which she also wrote her original songs.

Later, Georgia met the love of her life Enzo Simone, they became best friends and have remained steadfastly in love for the past 41 years! Georgia & Enzo loved music immensely and blues music really touched Georgia's soul. She was also proud to call artists such as James Cotton and Matt "Guitar" Murphy friends. Georgia's signature song was the folk blues standard "C.C. Rider, and "Summertime" which was a party favourite.

Let choirs of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Memorial to be held in the future.

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Randall, Fox - May 02, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ G on her Big 70th



Rey Fox - April 19, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ G's birthday 2017



Rey Fox - April 19, 2020 at 09:34 AM



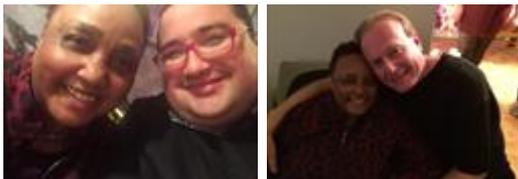
“ G & her chums Aiko & Sean



Rey Fox - April 19, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ G had a great smile



Rey Fox - April 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM



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Rey Fox - April 14, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ I have known Georgia since I was a little girl with a million questions, I remember her telling me that as I got older. Georgia had a very special way of reaching people and imparting wisdom. She would say what seemed like a simple sentence but it would have such a profound meaning that could change your perspective for the better. I admired that and many more things about her that could never be put into words. I will never stop asking why? Thank you Georgia you will be missed.

Enzo my dance partner I love you very very much.

My most heartfelt condolences.

Elisabeth La Grutta



Elisabeth La Grutta - April 08, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Dear Enzo, I'm saddened to hear about Georgia. My thoughts are with you and the family. Hope to see you soon



Micheal Di Gregorio - April 08, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ As a footnote about Georgia which I want to add. There is something I will never forget and that says so much about the great Human beings you and Enzo are. In the 8 times you came to Cuba, you brought 8 extra big suitcases to distribute to poor families. This despite all the load you had to bring with the scooter and medical supplies. This world needs people like you
From Cuba
Love Noel

NOEL - April 04, 2020 at 04:35 AM



“Dear Enzo, my deepest condolences to you. It is with great sadness that I heard of her passing. We were supposed to get together; however there was always something happening to keeps us from meeting up. I have fond memories of Georgia and you at Aiko's parties. She always had a positive attitude, a contagious smile and spoke her mind. She will be greatly missed by all the people she touched. I will always remember her with great fondness. “

Aaron Tham and John Wallace
April 3, 2020



Aaron Tham - April 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM



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Randall Jason Fox - April 03, 2020 at 05:33 PM



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Randall Jason Fox - April 03, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ My deepest condolences Enzo. Georgia was a sweetheart and I'm glad to have met her at our events. Wishing you strength during this difficult time and health during this unprecedented journey. I'm always just a phone call away.

Your Friends, Rob & Joanne lafrate



Rob lafrate - April 03, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Georgia, you have been here 8 times. On the very first day of you're first trip. I got to know you and just shortly after we were family. You host many beautiful feelings, but one of the most important is the LOVE for others. That makes you very rich because when you LOVE, you do not need anything else. For me you will always have a place in my heart and you know that place is number UNO!!!

From CUBA

Noel Montes de Oca

NOEL - April 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Dear Cousin Enzo, Caro Cugino We wish we were there so we could give you a big Hug!
Our memories of Georgia are Bright and HAPPY when we think about Georgia.
Remember when you were both here in Sweden with JOY! Thank you Georgia for all the laughs we had. We will keep them in our hearts forever. From Sweden
Anna, Vincenzo, Piero, Maurizio, Sunita, Neo, Massimo, and Nicolina
LOVE and HUGS!!!

ANNA - April 03, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Alltid saknad .aldrig glömd. Älskar dig.Från Emma.
Emma mazzarella - April 04, 2020 at 03:27 AM



“ Dear Enzo and Stephanie.
I heard the sad news that Georgia has left us and we are heartbroken.

Although we did not meet often, you have a special place in our hearts, not least Georgia.

Her presence really lit up the room. Laughter and always a smile on the lips.
Probably she is now sitting with all our loved ones and looking down at us with a warm smile.

As long as we mention their names, they will always be remembered.

Georgia, say hi to papa Italo from me. Tell him to give you a big hug from me.
Georgia, you will always be in our hearts.

Enzo and Stephanie, take care of each other. All love and strength from us.

//Riccardo Mazzarella



Riccardo Mazzarella - April 03, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ Enzo. I'm sorry for your loss. It's been a while since you were with us in Sweden, but the memory I have of Georgia was that she was always happy and kind especially to me: D. But what do you say
the show must go on. Abbi cura di te, bacio e abbraccio. Possa l'anima della Georgia Diffondere gioia nell'ospite. Abbi cura l'uno dell'altro
Valentino Mazzearella

Valentino Mazzearella - April 03, 2020 at 04:32 AM



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//Riccardo Mazzearella



Riccardo Mazzearella - April 03, 2020 at 03:51 AM



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Dear Enzo

Our deepest condolences to You and to your family.

Although our meetings were few, I happily remember the joyful moments together with Georgia and you visiting us in Sweden.

You are in our thoughts, a big warm hug to you.

Sandra Mazzarella and family

Sandra - April 03, 2020 at 03:43 AM



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Ciao Enzo

I heard about Georgia and I am so sorry for your loss.

She had a special place in my heart and I think often about the short time we had together in Toronto, always with a big smile on my face.

I pray she will find rest and peace.

Al my Love

Roberto

Roberto Mazzarella - April 03, 2020 at 03:42 AM



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Enzo It is with sadness we say goodbye to a Beautiful Soul as Georgia truly was. Georgia's smile was always welcoming & warm & her heart was big. When we met up at events she was such a joy to be around! Heaven has gained an Angel! May your shared memories bring you comfort. With Love Silvana & Antoinette xoxo



Anoinette&Silvana - April 02, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Georgia was a women with a good heart, joyful personality, kind and was always a pleasure to spend time with, beautiful smile and the list goes on. The Lord has called her home. You will live on forever in our hearts, you will be dearly always missed. Condolences for Enzo her husband and the Family.
Love Rosa LaGrutta

Rosa LaGrutta - April 02, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Raffael Pacitti lit a candle in memory of Georgia Katherine Simone Boyd



Raffael Pacitti - April 02, 2020 at 05:14 PM



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Raffael Pacitti - April 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ Dear cousin Enzo, Georgia's smile, warmth, wisdom and harmony will not be forgotten. She was a calming, sophisticated, worldly presence in the family. I'm sure your heart is broken but I know for sure she is being looked after by mom, who always had a special place for Georgia.

Raffael Pacitti - April 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ My Dear friend Enzo.

So many cherishing memories with Georgia; they will always lighten up our spirit. Her joyous laughter boosted our senses with love; can't forget the duets, Georgia and Stephanie.

Her relationship with the spirits needs to be regarded.

Do you recall; one day at your family cottage, we were together outside in silence, enjoying the beautiful surroundings; blue skies, flowers and luscious trees. Out of the blue, Georgia said " do you hear that".....sorry Georgia, please explain. " the wind.....the sound of the wind blowing into the leafs. it's our loves ones saying hello"..... so real.

Hello Georgia, for evermore.

Peace be with you.

michael Naccarato - April 02, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ A jubilant smile envelops my face, as my heart cherishes the moments when Georgia and I would be deep in an art trance, freely expressing our creativity. I fondly remember when roars of laughter burst from deep within our bellies, when music would transport us to a different realm and when our eyes would meet in a social setting and our thoughts connected telepathically. Georgia's wisdom taught me life lessons and her tenacious spirit encouraged my self- confidence and independence. Her curiosity and insight gave me strength and I'm grateful for the times that our souls danced together, anchored in spirituality. I met her as a little girl and her acceptance and willingness to be a second mother was a blessing for my growth and development. May her light radiate with a loving energy.

Love always, Stephanie

stephanie - April 02, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ I met Georgia over 30 years ago and we developed a very deep connection almost instantaneously. She was a highly intelligent, creative, and spiritual person with an immense passion for life. But what I admired most in her was her honesty, resilience, and warmth. She had a big heart and I always felt her love. I could always be my authentic self around her. She was instrumental in helping me transform into the person that I am today.

As I grieve her loss, I'm filled with great sadness. I'll miss her beautiful smile and laughter; and our deep conversations about spirituality, music, and life. It is so difficult to imagine a life without her, for she was so dear to me.

Georgia, I love you very much and you'll forever be in my heart. I'm deeply grateful for our friendship and will always cherish the memories.

Michele

Michele - April 02, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ What a wealth of joy and wisdom she gave to the world! Always leading from the heart, always trying to "fix" troubles and show a better way and with a smile and laughter that came from deep within her. What wonderful gifts she was blessed with and how generously she shared them. An amazing and inspirational friend for more than 25 years And Enzo's soulmate for 41 years So very very sad to say goodbye but so very blessed to have had her as my friend. Fly with the angels, sweet Georgia
Love, Pamela Russell

Pamela Russell - April 01, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Enzo, we are heartbroken in hearing about Georgia. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Sending you hugs, we will be seeing you soon.

Brien & Renee - April 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ While I only knew Georgia for a brief time, I won't forget her laugh from the heart and genuine smile. She was a wonderful beautiful person through and through. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.



Amal - April 01, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Georgia was a part of me - she was one of my mother's oldest, and closest friends. I knew her from early childhood, she was part of us - our family, our tribe. What outrageous times we spent with my mother, Aiko, with Georgia and Enzo, and SEAN (I think Sean was the first contact), and later, with neighbours of my mother's, and other old friends - all artists. Dinners my mother hosted would inevitably end with hoots of laughter, singing and music, or...charades! Randall and Eron were also present in my childhood, and Georgia will remain a strong, constant presence in my heart. She is one of the few people in my life, whose strong voice will remain in my inner ear forever, whose strong voice let me know in no uncertain terms that she loved me. A part of my body is missing now: a part of my heart. Not a limb - a part of my heart.

Dear Randall, Eron, Enzo: I love you all dearly, and cannot imagine your pain right now - as my great pain when Aiko passed away - I know. Georgia will continue living in our hearts - in us - while we miss her rivetting presence so very dearly. My love to all of you. Dear Georgia: I love you, too. Thank you for being a part of my life since forever! Cica

Chiyoko Szlavnic - April 01, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ i have known Georgia for over 25 years and over all those years she has always showed me kind, compassion and love. With great wisdom and her love for jazz and art she has always shared them with me, especially during my birthday every year when I was younger. Even though we didn't see each other everyday, she always send her love through email , or voicemail or just a phone call. She was an intelligent, kind, loving woman who showed and taught us that life is too short and that you need to do the best you can and live your life to the fullest and do what is right for you. As years past I had the joy of introducing my 2 kids to Georgia and just watching her interact with them was amazing. My son and daughter got play with her and make her laugh when they met up. Women like Georgia will leave an imprint on you that will last a life time. I was one of the lucky ones who got to meet and learn from her and for that I am very grateful. She will be missed dearly and I know that she is in a better place looking down on all those that she loves with all her heart. Thank you for all the chats and conversations we have had over the many years.(at home, in the city or up north, or at the cottage in Bancroft in the muskoka room.) These memories and many more will always be close to my heart and will cherish them forever. Till we meet again.We will miss you dearly.
Sandra and Jonathan

Sandra Lagrutta-Digregorio - April 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ I met Georgia and her loving husband Enzo through a mutual friend years ago when I lived in Toronto. It did not take much time for us to really bond and become true friends. We stayed in touch even after I moved away. Georgia and I agreed and shared opinions on various subjects. We knew what the the other thought. Remembering her puts a smile on my face and it will be imposible to forget her smile and straight forward and positive attitude. Georgia you will be missed and even though you are gone you will never leave our hearts.

Aleksander K. - April 01, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Rest in peace Georgia. You will be missed. Sending love and light to her family and friends.

- Jennifer

Jennifer DiGregorio - April 01, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ I have known Georgia for over 30 years; she first came into my life when she was referred to me by her family doctor for physiotherapy care. She was very straightforward and to the point and the communication lines between us were immediately opened. She told me about her past and her love of jazz and blues and once treatment was over we became friend; she introduced me and my wife to Enzo and we were invited to all the great parties at their place, especially the yearly get together to celebrate her birthday on December 10. I loved her art and her dedication to family and friends. I still have some of her arts T shirt. She was very proud of her children and grand-children's accomplishments. Enzo and her had an unbreakable love for one another and it was there for all of us to see. When she became ill. Enzo enveloped her with his love and care until the end. You left us on Friday Georgia but know that you will always, as the song goes, be on my mind. We love you. Marcel and Linda

Marcel Reux - April 01, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ My husband and i had the pleasure of meeting Georgia on a trip to Cayo Coco Cuba and what started out as a casual conversation soon turned into a friendship. Georgia was a sweet and genuine person with kind words for everyone. We are so saddened by her passing. We wish to send our love and support to the family and especially Enzo in this difficult time . Always Loved

Rhonda Semple - April 01, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Georgia was our grandma from afar, always remembering the children's birthdays and spoiling us with her wonderful personally designed tea shirts and aromatic essential oils.
When she came one Christmas, her fresh child-like art decorated the table- mat that she drew with the children, and has been used every year since for quarter of a century. She sent us the illustrated story of Anne Marie Weens so we would keep black heritage alive for the children. She told of her black theatre days and sang her unforgettable songs drawing all the neighbours when Clive took the kids to Toronto. When I visited a few years ago she was a gracious hostess, and made me feel part of the family despite my WASP background - she knew I loved her grandson so much! Love you Georgia, from Paula

Paula - March 30, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



RJF - March 29, 2020 at 04:52 PM