



Jacqueline Holmes

October 11, 2018

September 14th, 1941 – October 11th, 2018

Jacqueline died peacefully in the presence of her friends the evening of October 11th, just past 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Medically, Jacqueline passed away from complications following surgery on Oct. 9th. In truth, her body, worn down by 77 years of a life well and thoroughly lived, had finally had enough.

We will miss her pixie spirit, her very English eccentricities, her warm and caring nature, her friendship.

In keeping with her wishes, her ashes will be scattered at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday, November 10th at 12:00 p.m. Those wishing to attend this solemn ceremony are invited to meet at the Cemetery Office, through the gates on the east side of Mount Pleasant Road, shortly before noon. Those wishing to join us in taking Jacqueline on one last hike will meet ahead of time, at 11:30 a.m., in front of her building, 100 Merton Street, for the 20 minute walk to the cemetery.

All her friends are then invited to gather at the building that was her home for the past 15 years:

Jacqueline Holmes: A Celebration of Life and Friendship

The Common Room, Main Floor

The Hospital Workers' Housing Co-Op

100 Merton St., Toronto

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 10th, 2018

Reception with refreshments, as requested by Jacqueline, to follow

Events

NOV **Scattering of Cremated Remains** 12:00PM

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Mount Pleasant Cemetery

375 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto, ON, CA, M4T 2V8

NOV **Celebration of Life** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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The Common Room, Main Floor

100 Merton St, Toronto, ON, CA, M4S 3G1

Comments



“ Remembering Jacqueline bringing her groups to the U.K. to join Eastbourne Ramblers on walks over the Sussex Downs. Even joined the group when we celebrated our 75th Anniversary in 2013. We have kept in touch and was made very welcome on a visit to Toronto in 2011. Joining her walking group for a ramble. Happy Memories.
Paul and Barbara Agent. Also all the members of Eastbourne Ramblers.

Barbara Agent - December 17, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacqueline Holmes.



November 08, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ There is a pervasive sense of loss, that one of our hike leaders has left us all too soon.
Jacqueline Holmes led many urban hikes and I had the pleasure of being her “back up”
As she led the hikes, at one time with over two hundred participants, she seemed to bounce on her feet, her straight-backed stride sweeping the many trails that comprised downtown Toronto. She was everybody’s ideal of the thinking hike leader, always looking for interesting places to visit, to end the hike at a wonderful pub or tearoom. Jackie cherished the virtues of simplicity, refusing to do anything complicated if something apparently ordinary would have more effect. She left us with many happy memories, she was Jack to the World and she certainly left her mark on the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. Being on relaxed and friendly terms with Jackie was a joy.

David Royle

David Royle - November 07, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Jackie and I met in 1976; we took a fiction-writing course from Marian Engel at a summer writers' workshop at New College. During the fall/winter after that, we were both members of a small writers' group that was a spinoff of the course. We were good friends for several years after that, then again for several years beginning in 2000. We had our ups and downs, but Jackie was a large presence in my life during those 40 years, who made me laugh many many times, and taught me much about lives bravely lived, especially hers and mine. It was a friendship. I have a great fat wad of emails each of us wrote.

I hope that some of Jackie's writing has survived - it was wonderful! I will never forget the first short story of hers that I read, set in a small English village, about the narrator's aunt, who was mercy-killed by the narrator's uncle, as you find out at the end. Suspense and interest are built beautifully throughout, down to the detail of the vicar who took vain pride in his bicycle clips.

My sympathy to everyone in Jackie's family, especially to Sarah. Sarah, you were very deeply loved.

Deborah Harrison

Deborah Harrison - November 07, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Saddened at Jacquie's passing. We were friends for over 20 years. She was a fun person and always had a plan whether it was hiking, tennis, Blue Jay's games, fine dining, visits to Toronto's waterfront for boat tours or just being by the water which she loved. I will miss her caring, creative and entrepreneurial spirit and wonderful sense of humour.

My deepest sympathy to Jacqueline's family especially her daughter, Sarah.

Loraine Geldart

Loraine Geldart - November 07, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ Always a smile or a knowing nod when I entered St. I'd.
As if she had a six sense and KNEE my heart immediately.
So I know you're listening now. Jacqueline. Goodbye my friend. Too soon your gone but not forgotten.

Pat Taylor - November 04, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ When I had knee replacement surgery Jacqueline brought a full home cooked dinner to my home every Monday ..but she couldn't stay long because she had to get home for Coronation Street. She loved Corrie Street ,cats ,babies ,hiking and (she kept this a secret) ..baseball! I'll miss that impish grin ...Valary Cook

Valary Cook - November 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM



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Vera Tarman - November 01, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ On September 25, 2018 I called a Beck Taxi for Jacqueline to go to Toronto General Hospital because she was not feeling well. On Friday November 12th I received a sad message that Jacqueline had passed away, It was hard to believe since it was not so long ago we spoke on her way to the laundry room and walking to the store. I will miss speaking to her about soccer, England, and her always asking me how my boys are and how I am feeling. Rest In Eternal Peace Jacqueline, you will be missed. My deepest condolences to her family. Novelette

Novelette Kaye - October 31, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ God's World

Edna St. Vincent Millay, 1892 - 1950

O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!
Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!
Thy mists, that roll and rise!
Thy woods, this autumn day, that ache and sag
And all but cry with colour! That gaunt crag
To crush! To lift the lean of that black bluff!
World, World, I cannot get thee close enough!
Long have I known a glory in it all,
But never knew I this;
Here such a passion is
As stretcheth me apart,—Lord, I do fear
Thou'st made the world too beautiful this year;
My soul is all but out of me,—let fall
No burning leaf; prithee, let no bird call.

Missing you terribly my dear, xoxox Godspeed Jacqueline xoxo. Maureen P.

Maureen Phelan - October 30, 2018 at 11:50 PM



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Mark - October 30, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ Jacqueline and I shared so many confidences over our 27 year friendship. It is difficult to absorb that there will be no more "Coffee with Jackie" times.

A hiker to the end, she no longer has to trudge as she travels the road of happy destiny.

"Out through the fields and the woods
And over the walls I've wended,
Climbed the hills of view
Looked at the world and descended.
I have come by the highway home, and lo'
It is ended." - Robert Frost

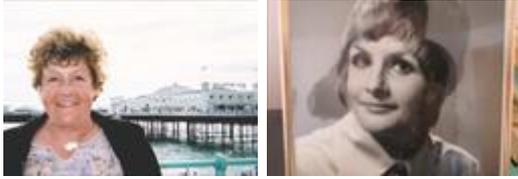
Goodbye, Jackie.

Mark

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