



Joan Madeline McFater

July 31, 2020

Joan Madeline McFater (nee. Banton) passed away peacefully at her home in Scarborough on July 31, 2020. Joan, born in Toronto Ontario on October 6, 1932 to her parents George and Kathleen, grew up in the Lawrence Park neighbourhood alongside her brothers and sisters Victor (Shirley), Patricia (Bernie), George (Patricia) and Sheila (Keith) with whom she considered her best friends. Married on February 20, 1954, Joan is predeceased by the love of her life Neil (Hap) McFater. Joan and Hap were known for their love of one another and their incredible sense of humour. Joan was the loving mother of 4, Jim (Sandy), Nancy (Chris), John (Marina) and Bob (Christine). Joan went to Centennial College in her 50's and started a career at WSIB as a trainer where she used her sunny disposition and desire to help others to train people for the workforce. Nanny will be deeply missed by her 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who she joyfully dedicated the latter part of her life to. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Toronto Humane Society in Joan's name.

At Joan's request a private family internment will take place. Due to the pandemic situation a celebration of life will take place at a later date to be determined. Please follow the family's social media for future updates.

Comments



“ I'm utterly heartsick to stumble across this news this day. I didn't know... And dear Joan's passing happened over a year ago??? I'm so very very sorry... for not knowing, nor sending sincere condolences at the time. Joan was so special to me, and to us all, when we all worked together in Organizational Development at the WSIB. I can just see her now in her green leather coat and matching gloves, sporting her high heels, and lovely early-white hair, happily marching down the T & D hall into work with a big authentic smile on her face (whether on winter days, or any days). She was always happy to come to work and always ready to do her best. And she did. I spades. She said SHE felt lucky to have that job? WE were the lucky ones... lucky to have her as OUR team mate. She ways always a breath of spring no matter the season. And oh how we split a gut laughing at times! :) She was so funny. Truly. And such a great "audience," too. The best of days, indeed. AND the best "big sister" ever when it came to needing a shoulder or an ear, advice, or perspective on ANY given issue. I'll always remember that it was JOAN'S kind, gentle and thoughtful support and insights, on one day of tears in particular, that helped give ME the courage make a significant career choice—one that had me go independent (24 years ago now). As I type this, a song has come on the radio: "We Had Joy We had Fun, We Had Seasons in The Sun." We sure did, darling Joan. Thank you, God, for sending me and Joan this inspiring and timely song just now, and also for sending us all the gift of Joan, as a colleague and a dear friend. May she rest in peace with her beloved Hap. In my heart forevermore. And now yet another perfect song is on that sums up Joan: "She's a Lady. "Amen to that as well. :) Love you Joan. XOXO Nina S.

nina spencer - August 30, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ Sincere condolences.
The Cunningham Family

Neal Cunningham - August 10, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Dear cousin Nancy, Jim, John and Robert and families; I am so sorry to hear about the loss of my dear auntie Joan. She was always one of my favorite aunts. Such a kind and beautiful spirit. Please know I am thinking of you all at this difficult time.
Sending my love,
Debbie McFater

Debbie McFater - August 09, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ So sad to hear of Aunt Joan’s passing. Aunt Joan was easily likeable. She always had a smile on her beautiful face and her positive energy ignited a room. Our wonderful memories of Aunt Joan will live on in our hearts forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very difficult time. Lots of Love, Jeff, Natalie, Nathan and Noah xo

Natalie Banton - August 08, 2020 at 07:24 AM



“ To Bob and Christine and all of the McFater family please accept my sincerest condolences for you loss.



Jenn Greenlaw - August 03, 2020 at 04:02 PM