



Vicki Eileen Laker

January 30, 2020

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Vicki completed art school in Calgary, Alta. and did an undergraduate degree in Toronto, where she studied German language. She liked to travel, saw much of Canada and also travelled to Vienna a number of times. More recently she volunteered at the STOP (Toronto) helping with their gardens, drop-in meal and counselling programs as well as participating in many urban gardening projects. She was also a wonderful poet and was very active in the poetry community in Toronto.

Vicki is survived by her two children Paula and Justin Cross and their step-father Larry Mewhort of Calgary. Their father Billy Cross predeceased her.

Vicki is also survived by one sister, Marilyn, and by her brother-in-law Mr. John Schadt senior who was the husband of her late sister Patricia Ann Schadt (nee Laker), and their two children Jonathon J. Schadt and Laurel Susan Schadt of Ontario.

Vicki will be missed by all and we are sorry to lose her to illness at an age much younger than most. We will miss her smiling devil-may-care good humour. Here is a poem I am sure she would have liked, passed on by a priest in Montreal:

"Those you love don't go away
they walk beside you every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear"

Comments



“ Although I had not seen Vicki in almost 10 years I will remember her for her upbeat attitude, her positive energetic outlook on life and her friendship. We were neighbours who became friends. We lost contact when I moved away. I remember her artistic nature and how she could turn something dull into a beautiful vision. I was incredibly sad to hear of her passing. She was a bright light who dealt with life's difficulties with grace.

Dianne - May 02 at 11:09 PM



“ Dearest Vicki I am comforted to know you are in Rest. I remember the best always...and that is a lot. Your loving friend, David. xox

David Tracey - January 24 at 12:41 PM



“ Susan M Dobson lit a candle in memory of Vicki Eileen Laker



Susan M Dobson - March 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ I greatly admired Vicki. There were many reasons - her poetic talent, fun sense of humour.. did I mention that she had CLASS ?! Spades !

As well as being an enthusiastic gardener she was just plain “in-tune” with nature; admiring the Lilac blossoms in the springtime, making up amusing names for snow in the winter; and as the story goes, picking chives out of the garden in summer and eating them - at the wee age of three !

She was such a dedicated “Mum” to birds, especially Finches who she gave dignified and apropos names - “Papagano” and “Papagana“ (from the Magic Flute).

Some of the offspring to this duo were two little white birds - Snowman, that was just like a snowball and little Dino, who was born with one leg but was loved no-less.

A special Lovebird “fell“ into her life one day after accidentally hitting a store window and descending to the ground. After posting many notices and not getting a response, Vicki adopted him. She named him “Newton” due to his brush with gravity.

One last description I’d like to share was Vicki’s sense of Joie de Vivre. It was so good being in her company whether sitting in a pub or cafe, talking to people in antique shops, or just going for long walks. She had a way of making each occasion feel special.

I will always treasure the special times of being in her company and will miss her very much.

May she rest in peace.

Susan Marlene Dobson - March 25, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ My mom, this amazing, artistic, eccentric an strong woman has passed away. This is a picture from the proudest day, when my mom graduated from U of T! We spent time in Vienna literally waltzing and singing as we walked down the streets. Her best quote was "the two most important things in life are coffee and toilet paper", words that I still live by. We had so many great times together and so many memories. i will miss you you but always keep you in my heart. All my love Mom!



Paula Cross - March 25, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Beautiful memento from that special day!

Susan Marlene Dobson - March 25, 2020 at 06:01 PM



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Paula Cross - March 24, 2020 at 01:39 PM