



## Anya Ruth Seerveld

February 1, 2025

January 5, 1960 to February 1, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Anya Ruth Seerveld on February 1, 2025. Anya died peacefully at her home in Toronto, Ontario. She leaves behind her loving husband of 32 years, G. Ian Jameson. She is also survived by her father, Calvin G. Seerveld, sister Gioia (Hugh), brother Luke (Jan), sister-in-law Colleen (Peter), nephew Ben (Naomi), and niece Mary (Michael) and nibling Hannah (Kate, Josie). Anya was predeceased by her mother, Ines Naudin ten Cate, in October 2021.

Anya was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1960 and moved with her family to Canada in 1971 when her father took a position at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. She graduated from Dordt University in 1982 and obtained a Master's degree from York University in 1983. She and business partner Loreen Krivy (Teoli) ran a popular independent coffee shop called "Coffee Coffee To Go Go" at Yonge and Bloor Street East. She attended Sutherland-Chan Massage School to become a Registered Massage Therapist in 1991. Anya operated a successful Massage Therapy practice in her home from 1991 until she retired in 2022.

Anya and Ian met at the Toronto Bicycling Network Dinner Dance on November 16, 1991 and were married on July 4, 1992 in Serena Gundy Park in Toronto. They purchased their first tandem bicycle the following spring and cycled together ever after with Anya Captaining their tandem on the front and

Ian providing navigation from the Stoker position. Their second tandem could be taken apart and packed in suitcases, allowing them to travel by bicycle through Europe and North America as well as where ever they could drive to. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Anya Seerveld can be made to the Sunnybrook Research Institute Odette Cancer Research Centre or to the Canadian Cancer Society. Donations will help researchers find a way to correct the Wild Type TP-53 gene mutation that caused Anya's endometrial cancer to advance so quickly.

According to Anya's wishes there will be no funeral service. A Celebration of Life service will be planned for warmer weather in the Spring, when loved ones can gather outside, thinking of Anya riding through the galaxies, spring flowers in her basket and headlight on.

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *It is with profound sadness I learned that Anya had said goodbye to this world. But I am also very glad that we were in each other life. For many years it was always a joy to visit her for massages. At first I was grateful for her magical hands that would keep the moving parts of my body actually moving. But very soon I was grateful for the easy conversations, telling each other stories from our childhood and youth, sharing our beliefs and doubts and questions, worrying about the state of the world, sharing our discoveries in music, laughing at our foibles...*

*I am grateful for her openness in this last chapter of her rich and generous life. I will always remember her smile, her indomitable spirit, her profound wisdom, her generous heart and her infectious joyful energy.*

*I wish Ian and her closest friends the courage to go on without her knowing however that she will always be there.*

*Carmen*

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**Carmen Bourbonnais** - February 13, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MB

“ Dear Ian - No words seem addequate to express my sorrow for your loss. Grasp on to the happy memories that you and Anya shared before this past year.



*I came to know Anya through her massage practice having received the many benefits of her caring treatments. Then, in time, I had the pleasure of working with her at the 'College' as we examined newly graduated massage students seeking their registration papers. As it happened, we retired our respective practices within a year of each other and this allowed us the time to get to know each other better.*

*Anya was a kind, gentle and loving soul who I am so blessed to have known. I miss you Anya and I cherish the photo of you in your Tigger suit and I at your retirement party. I will watch for your headlamp in the night sky. Love always,*

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**Myrna Baker** - February 09, 2025 at 12:01 PM

GB

“ Anya was a beautiful soul, wise, strong willed and lots of fun. We loved going to Little Canada and she was always able to find something new or bizarre that most people wouldn't even notice. Most of all I will miss our chats during my massage. Love you and miss you

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**Gerry Brubacher** - February 09, 2025 at 08:11 AM

KV

“ Anya’s dad met my parents in college and they have been friends for over 75 years; including living in the same city three different times. Although we weren’t each other’s best friend Anya was the closest thing I had to a sister given I only have brothers. It wasn’t planned but we also ended up living on the same street when she and Ian bought their house together.

*I recall spending a lot time at Coffee Coffee with her, Loreen and their friends. I’m not sure how often I was there but it was enough time that I know when milk is properly foamed simply by the sound. Later on I learned random medical facts when Anya was studying to become an RMT. She also helped when I was trying to figure out what food allergies I had.*

*I don’t share her and Ian’s love of cycling but I always enjoyed hearing about their rides topped off with their Tim Horton’s order of choice.*

*Anya was always a bundle of positive energy and always multi-tasking. She was very much a people person and embraced living life to the fullest. She rarely did things by half. I remember one time she was going to learn how to make a pie. She ended up baking six pies on her first attempt; I’m pretty sure because six crusts were cheaper per crust than a single crust. I have baked a lot of pies in my time and have never attempted to bake more than one at a time.*

*Given her past history of chronic pain, thanks to her ankle, I am grateful she is now pain free, I’m sad she is gone from this world, and I am angry that cancer dealt her such a useless hand. I had always assumed we would grow old together.*

*Without Anya the world will be a little less bright and colourful and have a little less energy and joy. Not to forget – much less Tigger.  
ROAR!*

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Kathy VanderVennen - February 06, 2025 at 02:16 PM

CS

“ What a beautiful life and love she had.....way too short! Anya will certainly be missed by many, she was an old soul, full of love and joy and shared her fantastic smile to everyone she met. I was a friend/client for over 30 years and treasured our conversations. I loved her dearly and will always remember her wit and charm. She could certainly tell it like it is but with a arm around your shoulder and a hug. Ian I wish you peace as you struggle through your next chapter. I'm pretty positive she is with you and guiding you. Your love story is a treasure to all that have followed this past few months.....I'm sure you will cherish every one of your memories for the rest of your time. I am thrilled for you that you have many....you two certainly had some very cool adventures! GIANT hugs to you and much love and support coming your way. Take good care of you. Cheryl Smith

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**cheryl r smith** - February 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

AM

“ I will never forget out cycling trip in Death Valley and the kindness and calmness that Anya had. Ian and Anya are the perfect match for one another and I know her that the memory of Anya will never fade. RIP old friend, xoxo

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**Anita Merlo** - February 06, 2025 at 08:16 AM

BS

“ Anya and I met when we were on the board of the College of massage therapists where I was a public member. You could see the joy I'm her smile from the start. She was then my massage therapist for many years , where we talked biking, politics, travel and about mutual friends. She had such a joy for life. A life cut way too short, she will be missed Brent

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**brent Southin** - February 06, 2025 at 07:05 AM

VT

“ To Ian and Family,  
My heart breaks for your loss. Anya was a thoughtful, kind and beautiful soul who made all around her better just for knowing her, and I wish you so much love and light as you move forward.

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**Vicky Trudell** - February 05, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SM

“ Dear Ian and all of Anya's loved ones. What I will miss most is the conversations we never had. Her missives throughout this ordeal sparked a conversation about so many things in life and her kindness when my mom passed will be remembered. Thoughtful and cerebral, I would have loved to have had more time to discuss the world, the cosmos etc. Sending you strength as you struggle to fill the gap.

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**Sandra MacInnis** - February 05, 2025 at 08:13 PM

SP

Ian and Anyas family, my wife and I met and became friends through our association of Foodservice Consultants that Ian and I belonged to, Anya was full of conversation, bubbly and full of life, our prayers go out to you Ian at your time of loss and to the family, heres to good weather up there for cycling Anya, God Speed. Keep roaring Tigger.

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**Stan Pyne** - February 07, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SP

Anne and I each enjoyed the many years spent with Anya telling tales on the massage table, tales of our cycling adventures and some misadventures. Anya was such a warm, caring soul. Our condolences to Ian and the family... Hugs to you dear Anya...

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**Susan P** - March 10, 2025 at 04:46 PM

LE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Leslie - February 05, 2025 at 07:37 PM

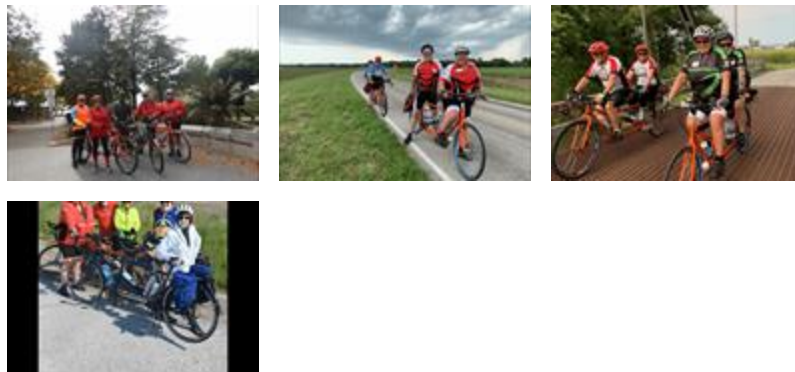
MB

“ Anya and Ian, you are the best, thinking about the two of you, Marge

Marjorie Berry - February 05, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BL

“ 4 files added to the album On the tandem



Brian and Laura - February 05, 2025 at 04:41 PM

MH

Amos and I enjoyed cycling beside, behind, or in front of both of you, in more than one tandem rally. Ian wishing you peace

Marion Jean Hoover - February 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM

AS

“ Anya you will be missed. I had many massages and you were special to talk to about anything. You were special to our family. Ian I am sorry you lost your wife and great partner

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**Agnes Stewart** - February 05, 2025 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ Wendy A Marshall lit a candle in memory of Anya Seerveld



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**Wendy A Marshall** - February 05, 2025 at 04:09 PM

LD

“ I am so going to miss Anya's sunny smile, intrepid down-to-earthness, neighbourliness, not to mention the best gooey GF banana bread bar none. What an absolute delight to be around.

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**Lisa Dempster** - February 05, 2025 at 03:41 PM