



## Debbie McConnell

December 24, 2020

Debbie McConnell (Gowan) passed away peacefully at home on December 24, 2020. Born October 31, 1951 the eldest daughter to Ronald and Shirley Gowan.

Debbie will be cherished forever by her three children Ronald McConnell (Tonya McConnell), Jason McConnell (Sue Blackburn) and Danielle McConnell (Robert Lamanna). Debbie loved being a Grandma to her seven Grandchildren Aaron, Adam, James, Cole, Holden, Ava and Ben. She will be sadly missed by her sister Wendy Griffiths (Jim Griffiths) and brother Paul Dean (Sharon Dean).

Her memory will forever be in the hearts of her friends and extended family. She will be remembered for her caring and nurturing spirit and willingness to help anyone in need.

Debbie exhibited tremendous strength and courage during her battle with cancer. A special thank you to Nurse Julie Gaulton for her compassion and friendship during this difficult time.

Debbie has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories “

# Tribute Wall



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**Danielle McConnell** - January 11, 2021 at 08:52 PM



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**Danielle McConnell** - January 11, 2021 at 08:50 PM

DT

“ I was so sad to hear of Debbie’s passing and my heart goes out to her family, especially her sister Wendy, brother Paul, and children Danielle, Jason and Ron. My parents bought the house next door to the Gowan’s back in 1965 when I was a baby and we lived beside this amazing family for 20 years. Debbie’s parents (Ron and Shirley) became my Godparents and the whole family became a kind of “extended family” of mine.

*Although I haven’t been close with Deb over the past few years, I certainly have many fond memories to hang onto. I remember playing with Deb’s kids when they were little; visiting her new house in Markham when they just moved in; serving Deb a formal afternoon tea on my new china; Deb feeding my daughter at her Christening...and it goes on.*

*There’s no doubt she will be missed and I am grateful to have had her in my life.*

*Diane Tamblyn - known to the family as PussyCat*

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**Diane Tamblyn** - January 09, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RW

“ My heart goes out to Debbie's family...Ron, Jay, Danielle and families. Although I never met you in person, I feel I know you through Deb. She talked about you all often.  
I was blessed to meet and become steadfast friends when she came to Divine Light Spiritual Church about five years ago. Our friendship was cemented right from the beginning, with spirit as the common factor.  
I will miss our near daily chats and our ritual of Sunday dinners before church and the coffee conversations after. We would laugh and joke about the silliest things, but Deb was always there with a word of support or a quip of humour when the occasion called for it. I miss you dearly my friend and look forward to the days we will communicate again. I have my senses open to you. Can't wait to hear from you! With love and respect,... love Rhonda Wagner.

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**Rhonda Wagner** - January 08, 2021 at 11:57 PM

HM

“ With deepest sympathy to Danielle, Jason, Ron and all extended family. Thinking of you at this time of loss and wishing you comfort and healing in the days ahead. I knew you all back in the Raymerville days more than 30 years ago. Debbie was a great, selfless true friend to me. She always cared about her family and friends and made meaningful time. I am so sad that her life was cut short too soon - but now she is not suffering and her beautiful soul lives on. Thinking of you all at this time of loss....love Heather Mascaren

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**Heather Mascaren** - January 07, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JB

“ Now Debbie is at peace, such a blessing, no longer suffering. I will miss Debbie at our Edgar Cayce events, we always had such enlightening conversations, laughs and fun. I loved staying and visiting Debbie in her home. She always made us feel so welcome. I will miss her gentle spirit! Joan Birbeck Ottawa

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**joan Birbeck** - January 06, 2021 at 12:32 PM

IS

*Deb & I have been through many adventures during our friendship of many years. She was a beacon of light to all us lucky enough to have her in our lives. I will miss her her physical presence greatly although I know she will continue her support of us from her new venue. Thank you Debbie for enriching our lives by your presence. Love & Light always  
Irish*

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**Irish Sullivan** - January 08, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MJ

“ Sending my condolences to Debbie's family. I did not know you personally, but Debbie would speak about you often during our visits. We knew each other through Edgar Cayce Canada. We spent time working together for this organization and travelling together to the yearly conferences in Kingston. She possessed a strong, caring Spirit, always ready to lend support in very practical ways wherever it was needed. Debbie, I am blessed to have known you for a brief time on this journey and I will miss you, my friend.

*Monika Jones*

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**Monika Jones** - January 05, 2021 at 07:07 AM

RN

“ Sad to learn of the passing of Debbie McConnell, nee Gowan. I remember all of the family during the years we lived at the corner of Sedgemount Drive and Pandora Circle My brothers and I lived next door to the Gowan family for a few years. Our mother and Debbie's mother were good friends and Debbie's father, Ron often gave me a ride into Toronto where I worked for a CA firm.

My heart and condolences go out to Debbie's family, her sister Wendy and Brother Paul. My memories of the Gowan family are deeply entrenched as they were always wonderful, caring neighbours. Roxana, my wife originally from Costa Rica has many fond memories of the Gowan family also. They welcomed her to Canada when she first arrived from her homeland. rest in peace Debbie. Love Roxana & Roy Nelson

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**Roy Nelson** - January 02, 2021 at 04:16 PM

DT

Roy, your Mother use to see dresses for me when I was quite young and I believe you may have given me my first teddy bear (from overseas?). I grew up on the other side of the Gowans.

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**Diane Tamblyn** - January 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JE

Although our paths diverged over the past 10 years, Debbie was a treasured friend for over 20 years. She worked for my husband for all of these years and was, therefore, a daily presence in our home. She was positive, spirited, welcoming and loving. She cared deeply for her family and friends often touching on special anecdotes. Her home was important to her and it welcomed friends both near and far. She helped me through many troubled times — with both spiritual and practical insights. I have missed her in my life more than I can say. Rest In Peace Deb. I know you will continue to shine your light upon us. Until we meet again ... Janet

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**janet edmison** - January 18, 2021 at 01:45 PM