



## Elaine Wyatt

June 24, 2018

It is with deep sadness that we must share the news that Elaine Wyatt died on June 24, 2018. Despite fighting a heroic battle, a rare and aggressive cancer took her only eight months after diagnosis.

Elaine lived a full and enriched life who even in her last days she continued to tend to her garden, plan travels and share her love with friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter Alyna Erin (husband Anthony), the light of her life, grandson Riley John, and her son Brenan James, brother Gordon Brown, sisters Christine Soshycki and Gayle Knowles, and many loving nieces and nephews across Canada.

Involved in so many activities from scuba diving and sailing, to learning languages, an amazing cook and hostess, and receiving her masters in Archaeology at age 63; she was extraordinary at everything that she did, and was so full of energy, curiosity and courage.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, 14 Elm Street, Toronto, on Tuesday 3 July at 3pm. Those in attendance will be invited to share words with friends and family gathered.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arts & Letters Club of Toronto  
14 Elm Street  
Toronto, ON M5G 1G7 (CA)

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. I knew Elaine for at least 20 years as we were both in investor relations and attended all the CIRI conferences and lunches. Her smile was so incredible and she always had wonderful stories to share. We also saw each other at Body Pump classes at the gym and we were planning on going to yoga together but unfortunately we were not able to fit that in. We will all miss her deeply and hope that you have wonderful memories of Elaine that will comfort you in the years to come.



*Linda Armstrong*

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**Linda Armstrong** - July 18, 2018 at 02:39 PM

CO

“ I have known Elaine for over 20 years through my association with CIRI. I saw her once a year at the conference but we connected several times throughout the year, whether it be for Board work or simply to stay connected. She was the most loyal, compassionate, life learner that I ever knew. We both had curly hair and every conference we shared hair straightening stories!!!! I am heartbroken that she has left us, But I will celebrate our friendship and I am honoured to have known her. My thoughts are with her family. I know she loved you all very much

*Colleen Vancha*

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**colleen** - July 08, 2018 at 10:22 PM

CC

“ I knew Elaine for many years through the Canadian Investor Relations Institute. She was also my go-to person for investor perception surveys and, for the past few years, even undertook the writing of our annual reports. I trusted Elaine to handle these projects, and to connect with my Boards and senior executive teams, because of her outstanding ability in the IR profession, her intelligence, and her ability to engage everyone she met. On a personal level, Elaine was a good friend whose warmth and thoughtful advice I came to rely upon. I will miss her very much. To Elaine's family - my deepest condolences for your loss, she was a remarkable woman.

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**Chaya Cooperberg** - July 03, 2018 at 05:55 PM

SA

“ Susan R. Eaton, Calgary, Alberta purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elaine Wyatt.



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**Susan R. Eaton, Calgary, Alberta** - July 03, 2018 at 01:07 AM

SE

“ Elaine was a woman of passion and conviction. She is deeply missed. I'd like to extend my sincerest condolences to Elaine's family. Sincerely yours, Susan R. Eaton, Calgary, Alberta

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**Susan R. Eaton** - July 03, 2018 at 12:57 AM

AJ

“ *Elaine was extraordinary, a Renaissance woman. I worked with Elaine for 10 years, conducting investor perceptions research for many of Canada's most well-known public companies. Elaine was a true professional. Nothing got in the way of excellence; she spoke at length with CEOs, Chairmen, analysts and investors, and she was able to solicit opinion and information from even the most recalcitrant interviewee. When it came to analysis, she checked and re-checked everything. She was as comfortable presenting to boards of directors (even when the message was not what they wanted to hear) as she was enjoying a glass of wine at Canadian Investor Relations Institute conferences and discussing anything from Africa, to archaeology, to cooking to politics to her children. She was so full of energy and willing to use that to support many causes. I will miss her terribly.*

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**Angela Joyce** - July 02, 2018 at 02:03 PM

LB

“ *Loris Loewen, Casey, Steph and Karen Van Den Bosch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine Wyatt.*



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**Loris Loewen, Casey, Steph and Karen Van Den Bosch** - July 02, 2018 at 02:02 PM

CE

“ My heart felt so very heavy upon hearing of Elaine's death. The idea that her light has been extinguished is difficult to believe but be assured that all of our lives shine that much less in knowing that she no longer walks among us.



She was such a giving, generous person always wanting to be of service in any way she could. She was a steady hand at all times while on the executive of the Canadian chapter of the Explorer Club, with her ever willingness to mentor and to be inclusive, her thoughtfulness and her professionalism, but more importantly her profound humanity and humility.

Her presence will be sorely missed by all those that knew and loved her, most of all her grieving family to whom I send my thoughts and prayers.

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**Candace Eilson** - June 30, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elaine Wyatt.



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June 29, 2018 at 11:38 AM

CA

“ *My deepest condolences to Elaine’s family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Elaine for over 10 years. A true professional, she worked very hard but always found the time to talk about her family, especially once she became a grandmother...her grandson brought her a lot of joy. Rest in peace Elaine.*

*Christine Aquino, Ottawa*

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**Christine Aquino** - June 28, 2018 at 08:57 PM

DO

“ *This is the saddest news ever, I was on the Board when Elaine was president, she was a wonderful person and an excellent Chair I am deeply saddened by this unexpected tragic news. The last memo I received from her was to advise that she had enthusiastically supported my nomination for the Stef Medal. Rest in Peace my smiling and gentle friend. Denis*

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**Denis A. St-Onge, OC** - June 28, 2018 at 05:23 PM

RG

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Elaine's family. I am very fortunate to have worked with Elaine through The Explorers Club. She was a dedicated volunteer and a most gracious host when I visited Toronto for a few days last year.*

*I have made a donation to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to honour her memory.*

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**Rogier Gruys** - June 28, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Elaine was a gentle soul with a giving heart and titanium determination that allowed her to do so very much with her life and to do it so well.*

*We met through scuba diving and doing underwater archaeology projects together. It did not take long for the list of activities to be expanded to include meetings for brunch, dinner, dim sum, jazz concerts, comedy nights, film screenings, and the inevitable search for the best butter tart in the area. I still find myself thinking, "Elaine would love this," as come across a notice for an event, a festival, a show, a lecture, ...*

*We chatted and discussed many different topics ranging from those of great profundity and gravitas to the trivial and ridiculous. Always ready with a smile and chuckle, Elaine was always a kind and compassionate listener and I always valued her opinions and insights. She inspired me to think and do more.*

*Like so many who were lucky enough to spend time with her and to count her among their circle of friends and family, I will miss her warm, smiling presence in my life.*

*I feel grateful and privileged to have been able to walk with her for a while on this journey and will continue to walk taller and truer for her continued inspiration and guidance.*

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**May Loo** - June 28, 2018 at 04:54 PM

JP

“ Elaine and I met through the Canadian Chapter of The Explorers Club where she took over after me as the Chapter Chair. It was a surprisingly tough volunteer job that required a lot of our time. Whenever we worked together it was always a pleasure - she was smart, gracious, curious, ethical, and a great judge of people. And whenever she decided to do something, she invariably did it well.

I valued Elaine's wisdom and work ethic but valued her kindness and humanity even more. Very simply Elaine was a good person. We collaborated on her Namibian project, and when my son Michael died three years ago, she understood and tried to help in some small but important ways. Over time we became true, long-distance friends.

With her passing all of our lives are diminished. My sincere sympathy to her family and friends. We have lost an original but am so thankful she was part of our lives.

A donation will be made to the Cancer Society in her name.

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**John Pollack** - June 28, 2018 at 01:14 PM

ML

“ My sincere condolences to you Alyna, Brenan and all of Elaine's family. She spoke often of you with great love and pride. I had the pleasure of working with Elaine for over 17 years. Although it was a long-distance relationship around a specific project each year, Elaine quickly became part of our work family and more importantly, a true friend. I am grateful for having known her and sharing a small part of her life. I will miss her.

Mary Laurenzio

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**Mary Laurenzio** - June 28, 2018 at 12:48 PM

RB

“ *Elaine was an inspiration to everybody who knew her. She brought wisdom, passion and humour to every meeting and conversation. Her curiosity and quest for knowledge was boundless. As a friend, she was compassionate and insightful and always made me feel calm and safe. Rest in peace, my friend. You will forever have a special place in my heart. XO Rhylin*

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**Rhylin Bailie** - June 28, 2018 at 12:41 PM

HA

“ *What a beautiful obituary for a truly beautiful woman. I am so sorry for your loss Alyna and Brennan. My Aunty Elaine will always have a special place in my heart; she is an inspiration and role model. I admired her range of talents; from her passion for travel to her magnificent taste in clothing to her full-hearted laugh to her love of life-long learning. She had many interests and hobbies, always aspiring to be her best self. I will miss you.*  
*Love Always,*  
*Hannah*

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**Hannah** - June 28, 2018 at 12:38 PM

FJ

“ *From Bill Jardine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elaine Wyatt.*



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**From Bill Jardine** - June 28, 2018 at 12:28 PM