



Geraldine Dowley (Foley)

November 23, 2020

1957 - 2020

It is with deep sorrow and much love the family of Geraldine “Geri” Dowley mourn her sudden passing on November 23, 2020.

Born in Toronto of Irish descent, Geri will be lovingly remembered by her mother, Johanna Dowley, siblings, Joan Cormier (Brian), John Dowley (Jeannine), Maura Kolesznyk (John), Joanne Ferrara and Christine Papania; nephew Ryan Shears (Tanya), nieces Sarah Bray (Mike), Laura, Charlotte and Angelica, as well as many relatives and friends both here and abroad. She was predeceased by her father, Richard Dowley in 2010.

The family would like to thank her friends, along with her doctors and other supporters for never giving up on her.

A memorial get-together for family and friends will take place next year when it is safe to meet.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in her memory, please consider CAMH or the Toronto Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Belated but sincere condolences to Geri's family and loved ones. I'm sure she's once again in the company of her beloved Dad and others who've gone too soon. Thinking of you all, from Linda (daughter of John Dowley RIP), Ann & family. Kent, UK.*

Linda Riley - May 04, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JC

Thank you Linda. Will pass on your condolences to rest of family. Joan (her sister) xox

Joan Cormier - June 13, 2021 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Geri. I had the pleasure of working as a team with Geri at Winston Churchill C.I. for five years. Such a wonderful, intelligent and witty colleague, who kept us organized and able to deal with challenged youth. My heart aches knowing such a wonderful soul has passed. Love to all who knew her.*

David Pledger - March 01, 2021 at 07:08 AM

JC

David, thank you so much for your kind words about my sister Geri. It helps to hear that she was appreciated. She loved working at Winston Churchill and longed to be able to continue but it wasn't to be. 🙏

Joan Cormier - March 07, 2021 at 09:45 PM

AD

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Johanna and all the Dowley family on the passing of your dear daughter Geri, ye are all in our prayers, may she rest in peace from Patsy, Alice and the Dowley family in Carrick on Suir.

Alice Dowley - January 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JC

Alice, thank you for your lovely message. I wii pass on to my mother and family. Joan xox

Joan Cormier - January 27, 2021 at 09:25 PM

RD

“ Richard Dowley lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Dowley (Foley)



Richard Dowley - January 13, 2021 at 01:56 PM

JC

Thank you!

Joan Cormier - January 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM

RD

“ Hello deepest condolence to Johanna Dowley and family from kitty Dowley and son Richard on the passing of ur beautiful daughter Geraldine Geri Dowley. Ur in our taughts allways XX

Richard Dowley - January 13, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JC

Hello Kitty and Richard, thank you so much for your message. I will pass on to my mother and family. xox

Joan Cormier - January 27, 2021 at 09:22 PM

CP

“ *Some more memories*



Christine Papania - December 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM

CP

“ Gerri was loved, But she was fighting a battle much stronger than her self. A monster called mental illness. She was my travel companion through England Wales and Ireland ; where are we had many adventures and misadventures. Gerri loved pigs. I used to say to her “Gerri , don’t throw a piggy”. We had tea at Harrods. Enjoyed the mist on the mountains of Wales. We also saw Tom Jones’ house. We had many an Irish breakfast, but neither of us could choke down the blood pudding. We drank a lot of Guinness with friends and family. We bathed our faces in magic water. We walked, A lot , because everything in London is “five minutes up the road. “ More like an hour. We learned that the tube was on strike when we got to London. So we walked , more. Where did brass rubbings together. Saw many churches but our favourite mutual attraction was the Tower of London. Jerry was thrilled that Coronation street was three weeks ahead there. We hunted fairies. Spent some time in Carrick, walked on ancient cobblestone streets, we ate in a Chinese restaurant where they asked if we would like fries or rice? We marvelled at the beautiful greenery of Ireland. It’s time to take your rest now Gerri , you’ve earned it. I am sure where you are, they have half-and-half for your coffee. (inside joke). Drink the wine and dance with the fairies. Share your secrets , they won’t tell. From your ever loving sister, Christine. ❤️🙄. See you on the other side.

Christine Papania - December 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM

JC

Love to hear about the happy times in her life. Beautifully told Christine. Thank you ❤️

Joan Cormier - December 12, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CH

We shared the ups and downs of mental healthcare. Unfortunately, I couldn’t reach her when she went into her really dark spaces. I won’t ever forget you Geri. Sending love your way. Christopher.

Christopher Harding - December 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM

CP

*Ps we lied to each other after dousing ourselves in the magic water
wow we look so much younger already*

Christine Papania - December 18, 2020 at 02:21 AM

 Janet
Roeder

“ *David and i were deeply saddened to hear of Geri's passing. Our sincerest condolences to all of her family.*

Geri was a welcomed part of my family since our high school days at Monarch Park. I have many wonderful memories. Geri was fun-loving, caring, kind, intelligent, mischievous and loved debates. I greatly enjoyed out times together.

Sadly, we lost contact over the last years.

I know Geri is having a pint with her dad.

Rest in peace sweet Geri.

Love Janet and David



Janet Roeder - December 10, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JC

Janet and David, Thank you for remembering the good times you had with Geri and posting such great photos. She always cared very much for you. 🙏

Joan Cormier - December 10, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MW

“ *Sharing your sorrow. At this sad time, may you find comfort and strength in the knowledge that there are others who care about your loss.*

With deepest sympathy,

Michael Witkowskyj

Colleague at W.C.C.I.

Michael Witkowskyj - December 06, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JC

Michael, thank you so much for your sympathy. Joan, Geri's sister

Joan Cormier - December 06, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BA

“ *12 files added to the album Memories Album*



Brenda Abrahams - December 05, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JC

Brenda, helps to remember that she had some happy times. Thanks for remembering her with such love xox

Joan Cormier - December 10, 2020 at 04:54 PM

BA

“ *I was so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Geri. My sincerest condolences to all of her family. We were friends for 35 years & I am left with many great memories to draw on. She was a beautiful, kind, intelligent, fun-loving person who enjoyed life. She was mischievous and could be so much fun to be around.*

I know she's having that pint with her Dad and hopefully also raising a toast with Bob & David.

May your heart be warm & happy

With the lilt of Irish laughter

Every day in every way

And forever & ever after

Rest in peace Geri, until we meet again! Love, Brenda xo

Brenda Abrahams - December 05, 2020 at 03:56 PM

JC

Beautifully said Brenda, Thank you xox

Joan Cormier - December 05, 2020 at 07:29 PM

BA

“ 6 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Brenda Abrahams - December 05, 2020 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Joan Cormier - December 05, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MH

“ We were heartbroken to learn of the loss of your precious Geri. She was a kind, generous, courageous person who loved all things Irish. This happy photo is the way we will always remember Geri. Sincerest heartfelt sympathies and condolences. Tenderly may time heal your sorrow, Gently may friends ease your pain, Softly may peace replace heartache, And may warmest memories remain.
Love from the Harris Family (Mary Grace & Keith) xoxox



Mary Grace Harris - December 05, 2020 at 06:38 AM

JC

Grace and Keith, thank you so much for your beautiful tribute. I love this photo,
She looks beautiful... so happy and joyful and it comes through in this.
❤️

Joan Cormier - December 05, 2020 at 11:12 AM

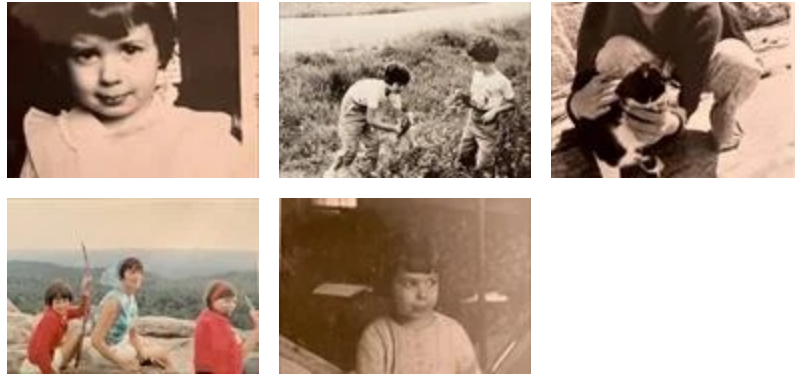
JC

“ Geri, we know you're up there with Dad in an Irish pub sharing a pint. Slainte!

*You may be gone from our sight, but
you are never gone from our hearts.*

Rest In Peace

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand*



Joan Cormier - December 04, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JC

Many thanks Richard xx

Joan Cormier - January 27, 2021 at 09:28 PM

RD

Hi Joan hope you're mum's keeping well xx

Richard Dowley - August 15, 2021 at 11:31 AM

RD

Beautiful pictures of all the family Joan. xx

Richard Dowley - August 15, 2021 at 11:32 AM