




## Julianna Ritchie

September 10, 2023

We are sad to announce the death of Julianna Ritchie (née Smith) on September 10, 2023 at age 85.

Julie is survived by her nieces and nephews Derrian Smith of Saint John, Ben Smith Lea (Nancy) of Toronto, Alan Smith and his daughter Susan Smith of Belgium, Kate Kashetsky of Saint John and her daughter Tess Kashetsky and son Max Kashetsky of BC, and Matt Smith (Sandra) of BC. She also leaves behind good friends and neighbours who she enjoyed swapping stories with on her front porch. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul Ritchie and her brother, Robert Adrian X. 

Julie was born on January 30, 1938 and grew up in Toronto in a family of artists and spent many happy childhood summers in Waubaushene on Georgian Bay. She was a potter, peace activist, music lover, school teacher and lifelong learner with a curious mind. Fiercely independent, self-assured and possessed of a legendary dry wit, she had a story about every cat she ever met. Julie lived lightly on the earth in the house she loved in east end Toronto. She walked to do her shopping until her final year.

The family would like to extend our thanks to her caregivers at Michael Garron Hospital and South Riverdale Community Health Centre, as well as her friends at the Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (<https://vowpeace.org/join-renew-donate/>) or Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir (<https://tafelmusik.org/support-us/make-a-donation/>)

# Tribute Wall

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Sandra Alice Smith - February 28, 2024 at 02:05 AM

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Christmas at Ben and Nancy's, 2020

Sandra Alice Smith - March 04, 2024 at 03:20 PM

JN

“ From Paul Ritchie's Family only thankfulness to Julianna's memory for the caring and sharing she gave to Paul. You were loved Julie. Heather, Jessica, Laurell, Janice and many others



John and Heather Neville - October 23, 2023 at 03:37 PM

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Derrian Smith - September 25, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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*I really enjoy this pottery piece of Aunt Julianna's and had to post it. Layered and light, tough and smooth, primitive and refined.*

**Derrian Smith** - September 25, 2023 at 08:46 PM



*Paul Ritchie's Family would like to tribute Julianna's memory for the love and caring she gave Paul. Thank you Heather(John), Jessica, Laurell , Janice and many others*

**John Neville** - October 23, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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*“ My fondest memories are of taking Julie to Ashbridges Bay and sitting enraptured by nature and the lake before us. Getting there she would say, “I have one speed ... slow.” May Julie rest in peace. With gratitude,  
Anne Redston*

**Anne Redston** - September 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

PS

*When I started going out with her brother she welcomed me into the family,” I always wanted a sister”. Although I could never get her to come to Saint John,I saw her whenever I went to Toronto. I love the hammock and talked regularly with Julie from there. We could spend a long while , and during trying times I could cheer her up by mentioning something my cat was doing. Immediately stories of Emily, or some other cat would take center stage. She had many stories, and rarely repeated herself.. I miss her.*

**Peggy Smith** - September 13, 2023 at 01:46 PM

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*It was a pleasure to have known Julie. Her dry sense of humour made us laugh often and we will miss her strong presence.*

**Sandra Alice Smith** - September 21, 2023 at 03:02 PM

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*"She walked lightly upon the earth"... I walked with her in the bitter wind and on solid patches of ice, over crusty snowbanks and finally into the busy street because the sidewalk wasn't cleared ....to the grocery store.*

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**Derrian Smith** - September 25, 2023 at 09:36 AM

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*I just learned of Julie's passing recently and was greatly saddened. I met her as a peace activist during the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan. I appreciated her wry sense of humour, her gusto for life and her dedication to standing up for peace, even when she had some physical difficulties. You are missed, Julie!*

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**Faline Bobier** - December 19, 2023 at 05:51 PM