



Lynne Diane Browne

October 29, 2023

Lynne Diane Browne died suddenly and unexpectedly on October 29, 2023. She was born January 21, 1947, in Weston, Ontario, where her family lived on Grandmother Jesse Browne's farm. Daughter of Robert Lesse Browne (1921-2007) and Ada Pearson Browne (1921-1971) and sister of Eleanore LeBarre (1942-2003) and Robert William Browne (1948-2009), she is survived by sisters Darlene Jesse Rochon and Shirley Ann Browne (Denise Helm); husband of 49 years James Leonard Turk; children Jessica Turk-Browne (Mathieu Jacques), Nicholas Turk-Browne (Lauren Babcock-Dunning), and Alexi Turk-Browne (Daniel Delle Donne), and grandchildren Isla (9), Ada (7), Marlo (7), Hugo (4), and Calder (1).

Lynne grew up in Toronto, went to Riverdale and Monarch Park high schools and the University of Toronto. She was a serious student and a lover of folk music during its heyday in Toronto coffee houses. Lynne was a serious political activist, managing and organizing many campaigns for NDP candidates municipally, provincially, and federally. After she and Jim met, she introduced him to political organizing which they did together for years.

Lynne and Jim married in 1974. She was a dedicated, caring mother, and a generous and kind person. Lynne had several careers, as a writer, graphic designer, and subsequently Executive Director of Ottawa's Alliance to End Homelessness. She retired in 2014 and moved back to Toronto with Jim into her beloved Beaches neighborhood. Retirement gave her more opportunities for her loves of reading (especially mysteries); of spending time with her dear

friends Margaret McIntosh, Marim Moreland, and Becky Hagey, and of international travel (often to visit her children and grandchildren). Lynne never wavered in her commitment to helping build a world with greater social justice and lived her life according to the principles she espoused. She will be badly missed by her family and all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Sistering or Toronto's Daily Bread Food Bank.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday December 2, at 2 pm in Beeton Hall at Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Beeton Hall-Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked closely with Lynne at the Ottawa Alliance to End Homelessness where she worked tirelessly to energy the community to meet the challenge of homelessness. My condolences to Lynne’s family on her untimely passing.

Paddy Fuller

Paddy Fuller - November 06, 2023 at 01:26 PM

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“ Growing up on Roywood Crescent in Newmarket, Lynne was like another mother watching out for us. My sincerest condolences to Jim, Jessica, Nicholas and Alexi. She was an amazing woman and many of the fond memories of my childhood include Lynne and her family. Thinking of you during this very difficult time.

Joshua Sherlock - November 04, 2023 at 04:15 PM

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“ Sincerest condolences to Jim and the family on such an enormous loss 💔

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a n-Anam

John O'Connor - November 04, 2023 at 11:54 AM

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“ Lynne was a special soul. I so loved our long walks, games, and time together at the cottage. We shared a love of mysteries and I always passed books along to her. I admired her politics and social Justice work. She will be sadly missed by many. My thoughts are with Jim, Nicholas, Jessica, Lexi and their partners and children, and with Darlene, Shirley and Denise. Bev Wybrow

Bev Wybrow - November 03, 2023 at 06:59 PM