



## Ms. Marina Bodicker

March 24, 2016

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DR

“ My name is Dave. We met Marina when Homestead Maids sent her to our house. She immediately became a friend, and then "Grandma Mina" to our two kids. We made a point of seeing her long after she retired from cleaning. I was struck by her huge love for animals, her strong sense of justice and the need to cheer for the underdog and to protect the weak, and her wonderful laugh and sense of humour. Marina loved her coffee. My wife Dawna used to make her a latte and she would exclaim how good it tasted - "like an angel peed on my tongue!" We would laugh so hard. I learned about her long service at the Humane Society and how quitting during the strike cost her a big financial settlement. I know retirement was hard financially and was so thrilled for her when a Dutch pension arrived that made everything manageable. I am sorry I did not write earlier but we have lost too many people in recent years and it is difficult to process that suddenly they are gone. I did not get to see Marina a last time but we exchanged several messages and she told me she was at peace with her life and did not want to suffer through chemo. RIP Marina, I hope you are surrounded by your beloved animals and we will always love you. Dave

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David Rider - April 25, 2016 at 10:14 PM

Sarah  
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**Sarah Emily** - March 30, 2016 at 08:57 PM

Sarah  
Emily

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**Sarah Emily** - March 30, 2016 at 08:46 PM

JP

*What a beautiful photo's , its good to see that Marina had so many Friends.*

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**Jean van Pelt** - March 06 at 09:29 AM

 Sarah  
Emily

“ *Mina,*

*You've left us too soon. You've been a constant source of laughter and happiness in my life, one that I now feel I took for granted. Anyone...and I mean anyone... who's ever had the privilege of meeting you even if only for a short time, would know you were a kind, caring, strong and independent person... Not to mention a vehement lover of all animals (especially dear Marley, and Newton and Ridley before him) and one heck of a sassy potty mouth. I also don't think I'll ever hear the word register (reg-titer), and not laugh and think of you.*

*I keep getting flashbacks of memories with you that make me well up with tears of joy and sadness. Remember those choice words you had for that young lad who wouldn't get out of our photo in front of the science centre... or when we'd sit on the back deck at home and talk about life while the dogs went mucking about around us. We'd always come to the same conclusions, sitting there on those rickety old back yard steps; that life was short and to live in the moment and be happy...never tie happiness to your income and above all... Always have pets !*

*You were truly one of a kind and one of my most favourite people. I know you're in a better place, with Newton and Ridley, with your feet up, eating french fries with mayo, and watching Corrie. Rest in peace beautiful lady XXXOOO .*

*I will never forget you, you're always in my heart, and I miss you everyday.*

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**Sarah Emily** - March 30, 2016 at 05:20 PM

EM

“ For years I had heard stories of the beloved "Mina" from the Plant family and often felt as though I knew her just from their tales. Last year I had the pleasure of sitting beside Marina at the Plant family's home and realized the stories I had heard really couldn't do her justice. Marina was an absolute joy! I never stopped laughing and we shared in the fun of colourful language. I am sorry that I didn't have the opportunity to know her better, but I know her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of many. My condolences to her family and friends.

*Emily*

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**Emily** - March 30, 2016 at 11:44 AM

SJ

“ Marina and I met through our senior exercise classes, a few years ago, and became friends. She tried to get my apartment organized, but to no avail; I am glad she didn't see the way it had become recently. We had a lovely day at City Hall last summer for the anniversary of the liberation of Holland, but I was a source of some embarrassment as I didn't have anything really orange to wear; however, we were identifiable in some photos she saw later, as my "pink" shirt showed where we were sitting at the end of a row. She particularly enjoyed that day getting some food from home she wouldn't normally be able to buy. She also was thrilled to tour the city with the King and Queen when they were in Toronto, a short time later, following them everywhere from City Hall to the Island, to see the Tulip Chairs they inaugurated, and was in some of those photos as well. We also enjoyed various bus trips to Niagara Falls, over the years, with other friends from exercise class. We'll miss Marina when we next go on one of those jaunts, as she enjoyed a bit of a flutter at the Fallsview with a few of the ladies, and we did the ride down to the falls a couple of years ago.

Shirley



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Shirley James - March 29, 2016 at 02:07 PM

SA

“ I met Marina while working at the Humane Society many many years ago. Her commitment to the animals was inspirational and her love for poor shelter cats was second to none. She always treated everyone with respect and kindness and she will be sadly missed. My condolences to her family and friends. xo

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Sarah - March 29, 2016 at 11:22 AM

WS

“ Shocked to hear the passing of a very special person. I met Marina at the Humane Society. We always knew that when Marina was on shift the cats would want for nothing, each receiving a special toy, bed, food & water and as many hugs as time would allow. She always gave the older ones some special time, special Marina cuddles. She was a star in so many ways. The world will miss her. May you rest in peace and spend some well earned rest with all your special four legged friends.

Wendy Sunega.

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Wendy Sunega - March 28, 2016 at 07:41 PM

 Rachel Elizabeth

“ Marina was more than a beloved friend, she was family in my eyes and heart. I am privileged to have known Marina since I was young. All the memories I have of her are filled with laughter, smiles, and even some good tears. She made an act for taking a rainy dull day and turning it into a bright, memorable day with little effort. I remember her going with my mum, sisters, and I to many theatre shows like Hello Dolly, Oliver Twist, and Joseph. I remember our occasional trips to Ontario Place and a visit to a haunted house in Niagara Falls where she used a colourful amount of words on someone who scared me because that's just Marina :). Not only did she show much love for my 3 siblings and act as a wonderful and sometimes crazy aunt, but she showed so much love for animals, especially her dear Marley, who was treated like royalty, and her previously owned Newton and Ridley.

You will be missed very much and will be our "Mina" always ❤️❤️

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Rachel Elizabeth - March 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM

CK

“ Marina and I met through another Everly Bros fan 25-30 years ago. In those days we shared 'tour notes', memorabilia, and trading. We wrote letters back and forth and became close friends through the letters over the years. Although we never met in person, I feel we knew each other better than other close friends. Marina was such a sweet compassionate person. It doesn't seem fair that she was taken from us so soon. She was a truly beautiful person.

Connie Konefes

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Constance Konefes - March 28, 2016 at 04:12 PM

VB

“ I am very saddened at Marina's passing. I was privileged to work with her at the humane society. Not long after I started there, I was interested in adopting two kittens. I had my adoption interview with Marina. I was so nervous! I wasn't sure I would pass Marina's scrutiny. 30 years, and many pets later, I still remember that interview! Luckily, I passed. Marina had a big impact on many animal's, and people's, lives with her caring and her character. She will definitely be missed.

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Valerie Brown - March 28, 2016 at 03:29 PM

GF

“ I am very sad to hear of the loss of my dear friend Marina. We were first in contact almost 30 years ago and had many loving exchanges, firstly by letter and more recently by email.

We once shared some wonderful days when she visited us as part of a UK holiday, and I shall treasure the memories of the fun we all had as she played with my son (who was then just a little boy) and the excitement as we took her to enjoy the studios where her beloved Coronation Street was filmed.

Marina always had a big heart and was very kind, loving and caring person. I shall miss her friendship, even though it was "long-distance"



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**Gill Webster & family** - March 28, 2016 at 10:27 AM

MA

“ Marina and I were in the same exercise class. She had a great sense of humour and a vocabulary as colourful as mine. I admired her indomitable spirit and will miss her very much.  
Marjorie Bowman

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**marjorie** - March 28, 2016 at 07:53 AM

MV

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**Marjolijn Valk** - March 28, 2016 at 04:53 AM

MV

*I was with my brother Ed on holiday at my grnadmothersplace in Holland late 60's, Marina is the one in the middle. We had a lovely time with here before she moved to Canada. The most precious gift she gave me was a CD of Donny Osmond from the musical Jozef and the technicolor dreamcoat. She new I was a fan and here in Europe we had only Jason Donevan. We will miss my aunt so much, Marjolijn*

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**Marjolijn Valk** - March 28, 2016 at 09:55 AM

JP

*I was a friend of Marina in the Netherlands when she lives Breda with her mother, we worked at the same office and we always had a lot of fun, when she moved to Canada I went on holliday in Toronto we had a wonderfull time. We kept writing each other letters but at Some point we've lost contact.*

*I was searching for her on Facebook a few weeks ago because I still have something from Here mother that i wanted to give to her, but now I found this site en read that she passed away 10 years ago, I m so sorry to here this , I also hope someone of the family reads this, so I can give her family what I wanted to give to Marina, with regards Jean van Pelt*

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**Jean van Pelt** - March 06 at 09:10 AM

JE

*If someone of the family is trying to get in contact my name is Jean van pelt en my e-mail address is jeanvnplt03@gmail.com*

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**jean** - June 12 at 01:57 PM



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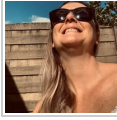


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**Cindy Cuyppers** - March 27, 2016 at 03:17 PM

TR

*The world has just lost another Beautiful Spirit who will be missed by many "Sleep well Wee pal"*

Tricia Ralston-Downey - March 27, 2016 at 09:52 PM



*I will never forget her laughter*

Cindy Cuypers - March 28, 2016 at 09:19 AM

PF

“ Marina's 'Canadian family' lost a very special person this week. She was the best friend, the thoughtful, considerate, much-loved and slightly kooky 'aunt' to our 4 children, the kind of person every family would be happy having, and a wonderful and passionate lover of animals. Most of her working life was spent taking care of lost or abandoned pets at the local humane society. She felt especially sorry for the older pets, and took extra care of them, even staying with them at the very end. She did not want them to feel alone or unloved. The love of her life was Marley, who was the apple of her eye, but she always held a spot in her heart for Rowdy (budgie), Dolly, Newton and Ridley (cats), all previously loved companions of hers.

*When she retired, she retired with gusto. She took up bowling and exercise class, and the regular coffee jaunts with the "ladies from Thorncliffe Park" filled her with great enjoyment. Her passion for writing letters made her a special pen pal to people all over the world, and she relished receiving letters and photos from everyone of them.*

*At Marina's request, there will not be a service, but should you so desire, donations in her name may be made to "Speaking of Dogs": <http://www.speakingofdogs.com/donate/> or to the World Wildlife Fund:<http://www.wwf.ca/donate/>.*

*Cremation will take place with internment to follow at a later date.*

Paloma & Chris and family. - March 27, 2016 at 01:52 PM