



## Marsha June Richler

November 15, 2020

Marsha June Richler (née Decker) June 28, 1945 – November 15, 2020. Born in La Tuque, QC. Predeceased by Earle Decker and Annette Decker (née Duchesne). Marsha died at home, in Toronto, surrounded by her family and her dog, held by her children until her last breath was taken – just like she wanted it to be. Marsha June leaves to mourn her two adoring children, Dvora Joy Richler (Steve Halpin) and David Jonathan Richler (Kim Mackay), as well as her two grandsons, Noah and Samuel Halpin, who were her biggest fans, and Kugel, her partner-in-crime poodle. Marsha also leaves siblings Don (Le Nga), Chris (Jennifer), Karla, and Louise (Gerry), numerous and adored nieces and nephews (who called her Tante June or Auntie Marsha, depending), several great nieces and nephews, beloved cousins, and long-standing friends.

Everyone would agree Marsha June was an undeniable class act. She was an uncanny conversationalist, super-spreader of laughter, adopted daughter of Newfoundland – her true home. Montrealer, New Yorker, Torontonion, Italophile, world traveler, debrief scheduler, lover of dogs (with extra wuza wuz), amateur veterinarian, pro last-minute Halloween costume designer, unabashed champion of bilingualism. Restaurateur, master chef, risotto pedagogue, cookbook archivist, designer of kitchens, baker of challahs, ambassador of knishes, wielder of corkscrews, and killer of plants. Political activist, voracious reader, collector of art (particularly finger paintings), patron of theatre and opera, sudoku Queen, Elvis fan, and puppy video enthusiast.

She was a re-inventor of herself, generous to a fault, and kind to everyone. Her most important role to her was raising her family and her grandkids, and she did a bang-up job. She loved deeply, and was deeply loved.

Marsha was taken from us by pancreatic cancer, cruelly and rapidly. The family is grateful to Dr. Joshua Wales, her nurse Katarina Berta, and the entire team at the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care. We also thank the Palliative Team at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre (Dr. Patricia, Tharsika, Lorna and team), and Dr. John Kim and his radiation team. In memory of Marsha, we invite you to donate to either the Temmy Latner Centre, or your favourite dog shelter. As well, please share a piece of toast with your dog today in honour of our Mummy. Memorial service to be held in Brigus, Newfoundland, in 2021.

Mini Mummy Marsha – we love you more than words can tell. Magnifico!

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Sorry for your loss. We enjoyed many fun times working with Marsha and the team at Side Street in St. John's from 1979 to 1985. RIP. Chris Boland and Gordon McDonald

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**CHRISTOPHER Boland** - July 16, 2022 at 08:23 PM

SG

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss, Marsha was wonderful and raised the wonderful Jonathan and Dvorah, who I am blessed to know. Sending you love and strength.

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**Susanne Gulliver** - November 21, 2020 at 04:11 PM

PH

“ Our deepest condolences to Marsha's family on the loss of such a wonderful woman. Over the years that it was our pleasure to know her, we saw up close what a marvelous grandmother she was to her beloved grandsons, Noah and Sam. Having travelled widely and read voraciously, she was also a great dinner conversationalist.

*Paula and Rob*

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**paula halpin** - November 21, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JG

“ It was a pleasure knowing Marsha. she was a wow Women of Wineva she will be missed.

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**Janice Graham** - November 19, 2020 at 09:47 PM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I was lucky enough to have been 1 of 9 women that went on a trip to Italy, organized and coordinated by Marsha! We had a wonderful time and saw so much in a short time. The village of Panacale will never be the same, and neither will the nunnery in Rome! RiP Marsha my friend! Debbt King

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**Debby King** - November 19, 2020 at 08:58 PM

CB

“ Hi Dvorah,

*I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Please know our thoughts are with you and your family - it is so wonderful to see how many lives she touched and the impact she is leaving. Such a blessing - please know we're here for you, Carol Anne and Danielle Brothers*

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**Carol Brotherd** - November 19, 2020 at 05:12 PM

LG

“ Dear Dvorah and family,  
My deepest sympathies at the passing of Marsha. She was a women of substance and of so many talents, as described in her obituary. We had lots of fun times together when we worked at Pfizer. Wishing you courage and may her memory live forever in your hearts. RIP Marsha 😊💖

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**Lynda Gathercole** - November 19, 2020 at 12:47 AM

AW

“ Jonathan and Dvorah,

*My thoughts are with you and I am sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathies.*

*Andrea White*

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**Andrea White** - November 18, 2020 at 01:11 PM

SM

“ Jonathan,

*My thoughts are with you and my memories are of of Marsha today. What a wonderful tribute your obituary is,with all the love you have for her showing.*

*I first met Marsha many years ago when when she was a restaurateur. She was the original Top Chef. here in St. John's. Then of course through the years as your Mummy..*

*My prayers are with you, Dvorah Steve, Noah, Samual ...Chris and all the Decker family..*

*See you soon*

*love*

*Sheilagh Guy Murphy*

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**Sheilagh guy Murphy** - November 18, 2020 at 09:18 AM

BO

*Jonathan,  
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family at this difficult time.  
Brian and Margot O'Connell*

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**Brian O'Connell** - November 18, 2020 at 10:13 AM

TL

*Dvorah and Family,  
My sincere condolences to all of you. A beautifully written obituary and  
tribute to your dear Mum. Wishing you all strength and comfort.  
Tony Livas & Steven Shabes*

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**Tony Livas** - November 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM

GW

*Jonathan, our sincere condolences to you and your family at this sad  
time. Our thoughts are with you.  
Barry & Glenda Wilkins*

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**Glenda Wilkins** - November 20, 2020 at 06:04 PM

KD

*Dear Dvorah and Jonathan and all of Marsha's family, My deepest  
condolences to you all. I share your sorrow. My sister will live in my  
"deep heart's core" forever.*

*The Lake Isle of Innisfree by W.B. Yeats*

*I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.*

*I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.*

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**Karla Decker** - November 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM

KH

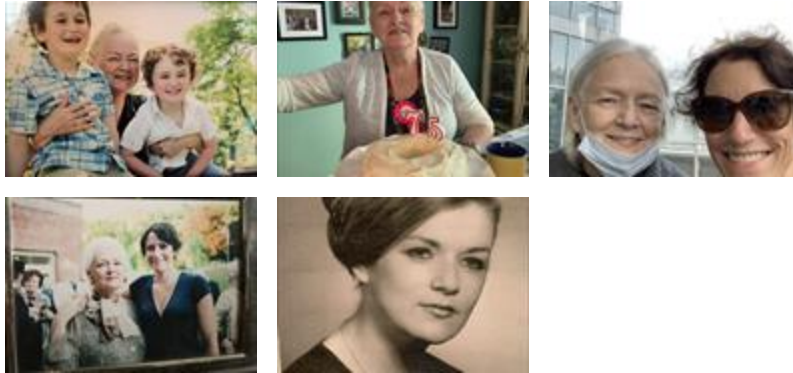
*Dvorah, I am sorry for your loss. What a beautiful obituary, my thoughts  
are with you during this difficult time.  
Kathryn Healey*

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**Kathryn Healey** - November 30, 2020 at 09:13 PM

DV

“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album



Dvorah - November 18, 2020 at 09:15 AM

NE

“ Dear Dvorah and family, Stay strong, lots of love and prayers. I know your mom through you dear Dvorah. I could see reflection of her through you. It's a difficult loss but I'm sure wherever she is in this cosmos - she is watching over you with same gentle care as she always did. Hold tight. Love & prayers - NehaD, India

neha - November 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM

DR

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Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 03:04 PM

DR

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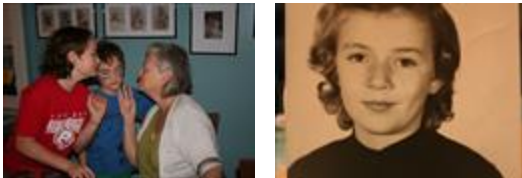


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Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM

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Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 08:35 AM

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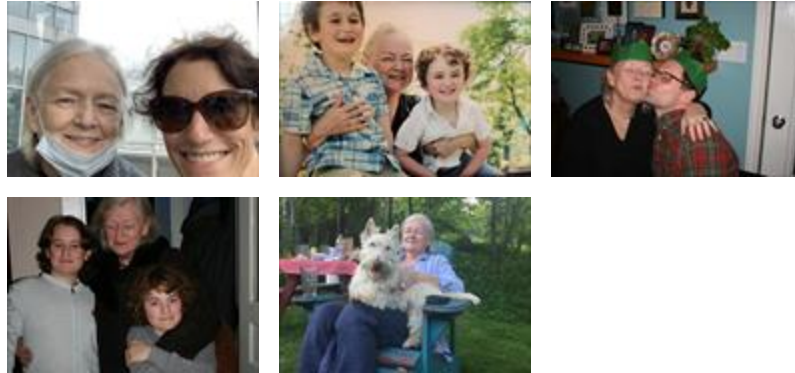


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Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 08:18 AM

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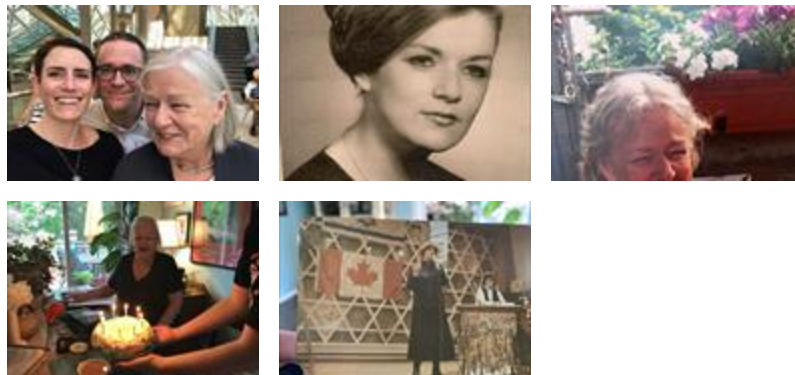
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Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 08:17 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Dvorah Richler - November 17, 2020 at 08:10 AM

CR

“ Dvorah, Jonathan & family...What a gorgeous description of your sweet momma 💕💕 We are so very sorry to hear of her passing. Sending you lots of love and hope you spend your time reminiscing about the happy times you spent with her. Love, Fluffy & Paul

Cori-Jane Radford - November 16, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LA

“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
Kamron had a fond memory of your mother, and mentioned that she made Sam and Kamron afternoon tea.  
Lara, Martin, Cyrus and Kamron

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**Lara** - November 16, 2020 at 06:05 PM

CC

*My strongest memories of Marsha are from working with her to sort out legal issues in the restaurant trade in St. John's. Good memories. God speed.*  
Ches Crosbie

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**Ches Crosbie** - November 16, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DR

*Thank you so much. She loved making tea for the boys and their pals.*

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**Dvorah Richler** - November 16, 2020 at 11:50 PM