



Mary Isabelle Bunnett (nee McCormack)

March 16, 2017

May 16, 1919 – March 16, 2017

‘fabulous and feisty’

Mary passed peacefully at home while being sung to by her family, accompanied by Jane on flute. Loved wife of ‘Bud’ Bunnett (d.1987), adored mother of Peter (Ellen), Sarah and Jane (Larry) and loving grandmother of Aleya and Cody Gibson (Shamanta) and Noah (Feelin) Bunnett. Great-granny to Daphne and Chloe Bunnett. Sister of Fran Weir, of the fabulous McCormack sister duo, and beloved aunt of John S (Debby), Ian and Suzie (Will Lange) and their children.

Mary was surrogate mother to a huge number of friends and neighbours who all gravitated to the lovely art filled house to visit with Mary or enjoy a swim in her always welcoming pool in the tree lined back yard. Mary swam every day until last July, promptly at 730am, doing 115 strokes every day, rain or shine.

Mary was passionate about all aspects of the arts, music and the intricacies of nature. Over her lifetime she was a dedicated and deeply involved volunteer with the National Ballet, the ROM, the Toronto Botanical Garden Club; Mary also dedicated decades of vitality to the Women’s Art Association of Canada. The WAAC encourages the careers of young artists wanting to pursue their

vision, something Mary supported wholeheartedly.

At Mary's request there will be no funeral. A private family ceremony has been held. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that condolences and any stories of Mary you would like to share be emailed to the family at marymarymary@bell.net or posted on the Aftercare web site.

To honour Mary, the family has created a Memorial Fund that has been set up in Mary's name at the Women's Art Association of Canada to contribute towards a handicapped ramp access to the Club. Donations to the Fund may be made through the WAAC by email at waac@womensartofcanada.ca or 416.922.2060.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ She was my friend , my guru, my cheerleader and my fan club and she was all of that to Chris and Simon and Adrienne.
I will miss our phone chats; I can hear her saying:" dearie I so miss seeing you across the street and I miss your dinner invites"; well Mary I am the one who will miss your warmth, humor, wit, advice and bluntness. You carved a spot in our hearts and it will forever be filled with happy memories and I will have a tippie of whisky at 5pm today to celebrate our friendship.
Our love and condolences to Sarah, Jane and Peter
Sincerely
Shaheera Bieber

Shaheera Bieber - April 26, 2017 at 12:05 PM

CL

“ I was just a teen and Mary was in her early forties. I was crazy about her and spent hours in her kitchen. I left Toronto in 1967 but for five decades I've never had to look up the phone number Walnut 4-1732. It's just there to dial as is the brass knocker on the black front door of the house on Heath Street. After moving to the Seattle area I didn't often get back to Toronto, but visiting Mary in the kitchen was always at the top of my "to do" list in TO. Just a few years ago she chauffeured me around Forest Hill and gave me a comprehensive tour of the residential construction in the Village. What a great date I had with a really cool chick. Now Mary, I don't have to worry about you falling down the stairs. Sarah, Peter, Jane et al I extend my most sincere and loving condolences.
Chris
Christopher R. Blair Laing
Kirkland WA

Christopher Laing - April 01, 2017 at 01:37 AM

SB

Hello Chris,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

Thank you on behalf of the Bunnett's and Gibson's

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:31 PM

PB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Peter Bunnett - March 23, 2017 at 09:35 AM

SB

Peter . Thank you . Great .

--So nice for me today , your own sister to look at this, and see this true essence of Mom, .

painted by our dear Plum Johnson up on line today

. I am very glad you have put this up !

Spring is here!

. Mom's favourite time of year,

I can see the painting glowing .

The sun is shining brightly through the windows of the dining room , and mom is at peace !

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - March 23, 2017 at 09:56 AM

FF

“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of your wonderful mum, dear Jane and family.*

Bill Sinclair, St Stephen's Community House

Francine Freeman - March 20, 2017 at 03:46 PM

SB

Hello Francine and Bill,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

Thank you on behalf of the Bunnett's and Gibson's

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:31 PM

TF

“ *I recall the last time your Mom phoned me: "Todd, it's the old lady on Heath Street!"*
I will always remember her spirit, her charm, and the loving support she gave everyone.

Todd Fraracci - March 20, 2017 at 08:43 AM

SB

Hello Todd,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

Thank you on behalf of the Bunnett's and Gibson's

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:30 PM

VI

“ *Victoria lit a candle in memory of Mary Isabelle Bunnett (nee McCormack)*



Victoria - March 19, 2017 at 07:59 PM

NC

“ Thank you Mary for all those days I just dropped in before picking the kids up from BSS. Your door was always open and you were always ready with a cup of of tea or drink for me. I loved listening to your stories and learning about all those beautiful birds that came to visit. I will miss your humor, laughter and genuine care you showed me and my family. Love you forever.

Nella, Paul, Cassie and Kerry Cramer

Nella Cramer - March 18, 2017 at 03:55 PM

SB

Hello Nella, Paul and girls,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

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Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:28 PM

ML

“ Marilyn here. For as long as I have known Jane and the family I have delighted in knowing Mary. Swimming in the pool those summer days, having a cocktail and sitting and chatting with Mary or seeing her pride as she attended Jane's concerts, she was a life force, a treasure to behold. What a gift to have had her on this planet for so long. But with that lucky amount of time the deepness of connection is so strong that I imagine her death is devastating in this moment. I offer my friendship and love as you her family go through the grief of loss and as she reemerges in memory and as she lives on in all who knew her and keep her present. A true wonder. Love.

Marilyn Lerner - March 18, 2017 at 03:52 PM

SB

Hello Marilyn,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

Thank you on behalf of the Bunnett's and Gibson's

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM

VI

“ *To a wonderful and beautiful woman that was an example of strength, perseverance and courage. To the beautiful mother and grandmother that shared her celestial garden with our family when we got married. I thank you very much Mary for all the good memories you are leaving with us. Lots of Love & Light to you Mary. Kindly. Carla, Patrick & Victoria.*

Victoria - March 18, 2017 at 02:44 PM

SB

Hello Carla, Patrick and Victoria!

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Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SH

“ *To my swim coach and surrogate 'Mom', i will miss you terribly. It was a privilege to share those lovely days by the pool and having tea in the back room. Love, Shelagh*

shelagh - March 17, 2017 at 07:43 PM

SB

Hello Shelagh,

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful words. Our family would like to respond more personally to you, please will you send an email to marymarymary@bell.net

Thank you on behalf of the Bunnett's and Gibson's

Sarah Bunnett-Gibson - April 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM

BT

Dear Jane,

In the 1970s I cleaned your parents' pool. I remember them fondly. Your mother was such a lovely person, a class act. She always treated anyone who worked on the pool kindly. I also have memories of your mother's lovely garden.

Bill Teichman

Bill Teichman - September 30, 2017 at 11:10 PM