



REMEMBERING

Lesley Evelyn Hammocks

November 17, 1939 - January 20, 2017



Unexpectedly, and far too quickly, we lost the loving partner of Ian Hammocks and mother of Cary Hammocks; and Nana of Dallas and Marina Hammocks, and Kerianne Benda on January 20, 2017. Lesley leaves her sisters Barbara, Janice, Sara-Lyn and Caroline and her brothers Gerald and Geoffrey, all living in Ontario.

Lesley was born on November 17, 1939 in Toronto and was destined to meet the love of her life in 1968 whilst living in London, England. Their lives were officially entwined in 1970 when they were married in Hamilton, Ontario. Lesley and Ian lived in Toronto, Ottawa, and in England again, before settling down in Duncan in 1999. After many years of art courses Lesley finally had the time to paint and she joined the Maple Bay Painters group where she became a widely-respected water colour artist and poet. She also became an active and pivotal member of the Cowichan Valley Arts Council. Lesley was diagnosed with Marfan Syndrome in her twenties and while it complicated her life on many levels she did not let her progressive limitations affect her spirit. Everything she touched was laced with creative enthusiasm and guarded with her passionate perfectionism. She was a force to be reckoned with and her brave spirit, which is embedded in her paintings, writings, gardens and home will remain with her loved ones forever. Lesley's ashes will be resting with Audrey and Ken Hammocks in the UK. Ian will complete that family circle. A Celebration of Life gathering is planned for her many relatives and friends in Ontario this Spring where some of her ashes will be laid to rest by family members. A Memorial Service and gathering is at HW Wallace, 5285 Polkey Rd, Duncan, BC on Friday January 27, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Lesley was an active member of the Canadian Marfan Association and would appreciate donations to it at www.marfan.ca

Ian and family members will be attending the 10:00 A.M. service at The Anglican Parish of St Peter Quamichan, 5800 Church Rd Duncan, Sunday Jan 29;

www.stpeter-duncan.ca.

Lesley's self-written bio ends with "As an artist, the curve of learning is never ending and within that curve comes discipline and criticism. In the end, I hope to have produced a painting that will continue to stimulate the owner of my art for many years to come".

Lesley stimulated all who encountered her and she will be remembered for her kindness, love and passion by all. Lesley left us an artistic legacy and many memories of a life lived with fortitude and grace. She is, and always will be, sorely missed. Rest in Peace Dear Sister, Mother, Wife, and Friend.

