



REMEMBERING Wendy Porteous

June 20, 1937 - March 25, 2017



Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff

H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Jerry and Julie

Relation: beloved neighbour

Vanessa ~

We will always remember your Mom - her lovely melodic laugh, and evenings spent chatting over a wood stove, in comfy chairs surrounded by books...she is a cherished part of our memories.

Much love to you and your family at this time.

~ Jerry and Julie xo

Tribute from Gail Hanrahan

Relation: Friend of Vanessa's

My deepest sympathies for your loss, Vanessa, and all of Wendy's family, and friends. Now i see where you get it from Vanessa. What a full life!

Tribute from Alison Green

Relation: old neighbour - Rockcliffe

Dear Vanessa,

Our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. The obituary sums her up beautifully. What an energetic woman Wendy was! Talk about a full participator in life. Our best to you and your family from Ottawa.

Alison Green, from old kitty-corner across the street

Tribute from Shona Hurst

Relation: god daughter

Dear Vanessa,

I was saddened to hear the news. It immediately brought to mind my fondest memory of your mum - age eight, the 1st time I came back East to stay with the three of you. Because we were flying on Trudeau's private plane my mother had insisted I wear these white gloves. The second we drove out Aunt Betty's driveway, your mum turned to me and said, "Shona, throw those hideous things OUT THE WINDOW!" Wow! Godmother, Wendy was pretty cool. This summer when I received her email asking for the details on EXACTLY which Whistler Zip-line Tour the 2 of you should take, I again thought, WOW, she's pretty cool.

I can hear Wendy now, "We'll, I think that's just TERRIFIC!"
Hugs and Kisses from all of us,
Shona Darrell Caitlin Hailey Nicola Fraser Sophie

Tribute from Deborah Ferguson

Relation: friends

Dear Vanessa: I hope you had time with your mom at the end. It sounds as if she did not linger or suffer too much in the final days, at least I hope not. It sounds as if she had amazing passion for life, lived her days well and made quite a contribution to Canada in the government. I am so sorry for your loss. Mom died in 2011, and we didn't always get along, but still there are days when I greatly miss her. Peace, love and light your way. Deborah

Tribute from Allison Lynch

Relation: Relationship - How did you know the deceased?

My deepest condolences to you, Vanessa, Bruce and Sasha and your entire family. What an impressive woman! Like mother, like daughter. Sending love and light. Xoxo

Tribute from Jennifer Bernius

Relation: sister

What a lovely obituary, Vanessa. Wendy shines through every word.

Thinking of you and wishing you the very best.

Tribute from Pierrette Lucas

Relation: Ottawa

Dear Vanessa. Your mother Wendy was a "force de la nature". So engaged in whatever life brought her. She sought adventures. Serious moments, followed by gales of laughter. She studied people, esoteric subjects, mundane facts, and too many things to list. She loved you and your family passionately. She loved her dogs, gardens, and wee drinks of whiskey. When working in various government agencies, she was completely dedicated to the tasks. She and your father were a great support to Pierre E. Trudeau both professionally and personally. You resemble both your parents and I will always be intrigued and supportive of the paths you choose. Tres amicalement. Pierrette

Tribute from Mark Brown

Relation: Relationship - How did you know the deceased?

So very for your loss Vanessa. Your Mom sounds like she lead a very rich life. Take joy in the memories she left with you and her legacy in your son.

Tribute from Tim Reid

Relation: working colleagues

Wendy and I would team up on special assignments in Treasury Board and the Privy Council Office when Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister.

Always fun to work with her.

Tribute from Eric Hood

Relation: through being stranded

It was a delight to meet Wendy in Cape Dorset in the late '70s, where we were stranded for over a week by a huge storm which made flying impossible. Her warmth, sense of humour and knowledge made want to stay in touch, and I was able to visit her subsequently in Ottawa. This must be a great loss for Vanessa and the family.

Tribute from Catherine Ford & Ted Busheikin

Relation: Friends of Vanessa

Dear Vanessa -- I know we spoke briefly the other night, but both of us wanted you to know how sorry we were to read of your mother's death, albeit the obituary made it seem she was happy, active and very much alive right up to the end. It is a shame we never knew her, but if her daughter is any indication, she was as lovely, lively and talented as her obituary indicated. She lives on in you and your son.

Tribute from Lynne Partel (Gregor)

Relation: Work colleague and friend

Wendy and I worked together on the federal team negotiating a treaty with the Nuu-Chah-Nuth people during the late '90's. I have vivid memories of our times together...particularly the trips to Torino and Port Alberti, where we learned so much about Nuu-Chah-Nulth culture. I remember we were an all-female team at the time and the Firs Nation negotiators would refer to us as "respected ladies". Wendy insisted we all go down to the Somass River to swim on hot days, when negotiations broke off early with the heat. Wendy was fearless, optimistic, bold intelligent, determined...and loved to live life to the MAX. She was definitely one of a kind, and will be much missed.

