

Ellen Maud Bennett



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ELLEN BENNETT OBITUARY

BENNETT, Ellen Maud Daughter, sister and aunt, Ellen Maud Bennett who passed away aged 64 on May 11, 2018 was to most who met her an unforgettable character. The eldest of five siblings, she was forced to do everything first and report back to the rest. Born in Burin, Newfoundland she was a perpetually delighted transplant to Victoria B.C. This photo was taken one week before her death. She chose it for her obituary because as she said, "I look so good for someone almost dead!" Her brief time diagnosed with inoperable cancer gave her mere days to live. She chose to fill these days with humour, love, death bed edicts and exacting demands. These demands gave a grateful brother time to ship her fresh lobster from Nova Scotia, and others time to scour Victoria for every early blooming peony and source the perfect shrimp-wonton soup. (JJ Wonton.) Ellen was a creative soul. She was also an excellent student and attained a BA in Political Science and held a Masters in International Relations. Her first and last job in this arena was on Parliament Hill where she found the work too filled with paperwork and patronage. She quit to establish a popular vintage clothing store in Ottawa which eventually inspired her to pursue her real passion for Costume Design. A credential from Dalhousie University formalized a career filled with creativity. Ellen enjoyed a career in theatre (Stratford), television and film. Ellen was all about style and art directed her own life splendidly. Make up, fashion and home décor sustained her. A final message Ellen wanted to share was about the fat shaming she

endured from the medical profession. Over the past few years of feeling unwell she sought out medical intervention and no one offered any support or suggestions beyond weight loss. Ellen's dying wish was that women of size make her death matter by advocating strongly for their health and not accepting that fat is the only relevant health issue. Please remember Ellen when you next read a great book, go to a play or buy a small object of stunning beauty. We've lost a remarkable woman. Ellen's family would like to extend our gratitude to the amazing team of angels at the Victoria Hospice who gave her the respect and kindness she needed and deserved. A celebration of Ellen's life will be held in August. Please email theresabennett.snp@gmail.com for details.

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