



## Freya Petersen

January 14, 1954 - December 7, 2024

PETERSEN, FREYA (70) of Peterborough

Our feisty and fearless Freya passed peacefully on Saturday, December 7th, 2024 at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

She is survived by her long-time love and partner, Don Bennett, and his son Paul (Alana) of Peterborough, granddaughters, Maylin and Lorena, sisters Loreley Beaulac and Kris (Mike) Goss, brother-in-law Don Dodds (all of Sarnia) and her devoted niece, Michelle Beaulac of London. Freya is survived by several other family members in Sarnia, Peterborough and British Columbia, as well as many dear friends in Florida. She is predeceased by both her parents, Arthur and Marie Petersen, brother Roald, sister Kerri Dodds and niece Ann-Marie Dalmas.

Freya was unapologetically herself. You always knew what she thought and how she felt. Freya spent many years working in the hospitality industry. She began her career as a car hop at Tab's Drive-In in Sarnia and worked in several restaurants in both Sarnia and London before landing at Viamede Resort on Stoney Lake, north of Peterborough where she was the food and beverage manager. Freya was always a hard worker and devoted herself to her job and the people closest to her.

Freya felt most at home near the water. She loved living at the lake and travelling on the water. Proud of her Scandinavian heritage, Freya and Don were avid cruisers on Norwegian Cruise Line. Some of their happiest times were spent on holiday—whether it be aboard a cruise ship or on their yacht, 'The Last Resort'. Together they earned the distinction of becoming 'Loopers' as they circumnavigated 'The Great Loop', a continuous waterway through the Great Lakes, inland rivers such as the Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico, Intercoastal waterways and the Atlantic Ocean.

Freya was a true animal lover and passionately supported animal rescue. She will be very much missed by her two fur babies, Sunshine and Bandit, along with the multitude of birds and other wildlife she fed at their winter home in Florida.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at both Toronto General and Princess Margaret Hospitals for their care and compassion during her brief cancer journey. A special thank you to the many friends and family who travelled to visit or reached out to offer support during her illness and hospital stay.

Cremation has taken place. In keeping with Freya's wishes, no visitation or funeral will be held. In lieu of cards or flowers, donations can be made to the Peterborough Humane Society. A private gathering will be scheduled in the spring when we can meet in a sunny garden and raise a glass of wine to toast our one-of-a-kind partner, sister, aunt and friend.

Please visit Freya's Book of Memories at [www.communityalternative.ca](http://www.communityalternative.ca)

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Don and Family, So very sorry to hear the news of Freya's passing.  
Marty & Nancy Kimball*

**The Kimball's** - December 16, 2024 at 09:03 AM

RC

“ *Don and family, sincere condolences.Ron Conners*

**Ron Conners** - December 16, 2024 at 08:21 AM

JB

“ *Sending our sincerest condolences to you Uncle Don , Paul , Alana and family on the loss of Freya . The few meetings that we have had with her - she was always sweet , chatty and made us feel welcome. It's always sad to lose someone we love but when it's at Christmas time it seems to be that much harder . Keep your memories of her close to your heart \u2764\ufe0f Much love and hugs to you all \ud83d\udc90 Jennifer and Terry Bielby ( Bob Cooney's daughter)*

**Jennifer Prebble Bielby** - December 14, 2024 at 11:58 PM

GH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Freya's passing. She certainly was one of a kind. I had many enjoyable experiences calling on her during her days at Viamede Resort. Our condolences to Don and all her family and friends. Barb and Gerry Henderson, Hastings, Ont.*

**Gerry Henderson** - December 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM



JA

“ Freya, you were unapologetically yourself, opinionated, direct, and full of character. You had a way of making life memorable, from your signature Pinot Grigio with a side of sparkling water (stretching the wine like only you could) to your ability to host gatherings with flair and serve the most delicious meals. You were truly the hostess with the mostest, making every occasion feel special. Your generosity was undeniable, especially with your granddaughter, ensuring she always had the most fabulous outfits and felt so cherished. When I visited you in the hospital, your fiery spirit was unmistakable. You still wanted a glass of Pinot Grigio and prime rib and couldn't stop sharing stories, including one about the charming French doctor who humorously gave you the go-ahead for wine. That moment perfectly captured your essence, bold, witty, and vibrant, even in the hardest moments. Freya, your strength and vivaciousness will be deeply missed. Cheers to you and the unforgettable memories you've left behind! Julie & Maylin

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**Julie Allaire** - December 11, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JK

“ Our Sincere Condolences to Don and all the family. I will miss My Dear Friend, Met at 16 at Tab's Drive-In and she was one of our Bridesmaids. We always kept in touch where ever she was. Traveled to Peterborough, Florida, so many memories and good times. Friends for over 54 years. I will miss you dearly, rest in peace, Love Joanne & Dwayne Kelch

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**Joanne Kelch** - December 11, 2024 at 10:47 AM