



Luella Smith

June 30, 1948 - July 20, 2020

Pronounced on July 20, 2020 at 72 years of age, Luella Gail Smith passed unexpectedly of natural causes in her home in Peterborough, Ontario. She was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 30, 1948, to May (nee Anderson) and Herb Smith. Baby sister to Linda Spear and Deanna Stacey of Vancouver region. Loving mother to Oliver McGirl, Raphael McGirl and Rosetta McGirl. Longtime friend to Ray McGirl (born in Toronto and lived 1946 to 2015) to whom she was married from 1968 to 1979.

She will be missed by so many including her grandchildren Cameron McGirl and Brandon McGirl (parents Raphael McGirl and Wendy Chambers) of Peterborough and Belleville areas in Ontario, and Sam Steer and Leo Steer (Parents Rosetta McGirl and David Steer) of Deep River, Ontario.

Luella was a kind, unique, fun, artistic, poetic and loving friend, mother and grandmother.

She is so very much loved and will be remembered with deep affection by all who knew and loved her.

In Luella's memory, donations can be made to the Dharma Centre of Canada, www.dharmacentre.org.

Condolences for the family may be mailed to Community Alternative (83 Hunter St. West, Peterborough, ON K9H 2K5) or made online.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Already a year has gone by....thinking of you and missing you...*

Doren Beard - July 20, 2021 at 04:49 PM

DB

“ *I sure do miss you Luella. Merry Christmas honey....*

Doren Beard - December 22, 2020 at 01:32 PM

DB

“ *With love and hugs, "Baby Bird"*

Doren Beard - August 07, 2020 at 11:31 AM

HS

“ *Luella Smith*

Heartfelt Sympathies - August 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MH

“ *Dearest family of Luella, I am very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of working with Luella in the Dharma Centre kitchen on retreats and seeing her Saturdays at the Buddhist Place. I will remember her lovely presence, good humour, and her kindness always. My condolences.Moira*

Moira Howes - August 06, 2020 at 12:36 PM

BA

“ *Luella was a dear friend who had a heart as big as a pumpkin; full of love and kindness for everyone who was in need. Her Spirit has been planted itself in our hearts. Forever our Friend-- LOVE; Inge and Bayla.*

Bayla - July 25, 2020 at 08:05 PM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to you...Luella always spoke lovingly about her sisters. What a wonderful spirit she was and is.*

Doren Beard - July 25, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DS

“ *Found a couple more pictures.....love you Sis.*

Deanna Stacey - July 24, 2020 at 10:50 PM

DS

“ *Linda and Deanna\u2019s baby sister Luella, will be missed dearly. We were the LinDeeLue sisters! What a beautiful, loving spirit...*

Deanna Stacey - July 24, 2020 at 10:47 PM

VW

“ It is so shocking and sad that you will not be beside us when we do Tai Chi. You are very much part of our Tai Chi family. Your presence will be missed. We remember the various hats. We remember the outfits. Who can forget the Jaffa orange pant suit? These were all a part of who you were. You had a style that never covered the gentle and caring person that we knew as our Luella. Every-so-often you brought us treats to have at our tea break. You always managed to put a healthy twist on what you brought \u2026 never made us feel guilty to indulge. Treats aside, you were always there to lend a helping hand. Your generosity with a smile, will always be remember. You set an example for all of us to act with compassion. In Tai Chi, we speak of an open heart and even moving from the heart \u2026 you may have been one of the few people to really get close on that way of living. A few of us have driven by your apartment off Parkhill Rd. in the last few days. Seeing your decorated balcony as it has been for so many years was a bonus and a tribute. Luella, thank you for making a difference in our lives. Tai Chi on. Our heartfelt condolences to Luella's family & friends. Luella is giving you some pretty major hugs right now. Your friends at the Canadian Tai Chi Academy

Valerie Way-Nee - July 24, 2020 at 04:55 PM

DB

“ I just have great memories of the hugs and kisses I exchanged with Luella. She wasn't afraid to hug and to hold it. In the winter she would wear these woolen hats with extra space at the top of her head. Whenever I saw her wearing one I'd pinch the top of the hat and pull it up a bit, making the hat pointy. She'd look extra impish then and I'd rub her head. I am so glad I told her that I loved her the last time I saw her.

Doren Beard - July 24, 2020 at 01:27 PM

EI

“ *Luella, I met you last fall at Tai Chi, you were welcoming, supportive and kind. I will miss you. Rest in peace. Eileen*

Eileen - July 24, 2020 at 10:38 AM