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Mary died on August 19th, a day before her 79th birthday, after a brief illness. She is deeply missed by her greatly beloved husband, Craig Paterson, her two precious children, Rachael Cayley (Mitch Davis) and Gabriel Robinson, and by her grandsons, Jacob and Eli. She will also be missed by her step-son, Christopher Swift (Jessamyn), and step-grandchildren, Holden and Lettie.

Mary will be missed by her many friends. She was a mother, a grandmother, a feminist, a writer, a teacher, a friend and a deeply loved spouse. She was predeceased by her parents, Larry and Claudia Breen.

Our thanks to: Dr. Laura Lawson and Kathleen McCarrol; Dr. Ishmael Sharif and the staff at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Oncology Clinic. A very special thanks to Dr. Alison Morelli for her compassion and support, and to the staff at the palliative care ward.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to: MSF, Seva Canada, PRHC, or a local charity of your choice.

A memorial event will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I loved my friend(S)he went away from me. There's nothing more to sayThe poem endsSoft as it beganI loved my friend. from Langston HughesSo sad to lose a very dear and older friend. The exuberant energy of our university and C.U.SO years had diminished to be replaced by a thoughtful respectful maturity. We didn't talk often and I usually dominated the conversation. I always appreciated her insightful comments and especially her ability in her writing to convey so much in a few words. My deepest sympathy to her family

Gerarda Schouten - August 31, 2023 at 09:51 PM

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“ I first met Mary in Campbellford where we started Grade 9 A together. Being that she was a year older and I had skipped a grade and was short for my age, she towered over me. In one of her short stories, she talked of her Grade 9 class as being "just children really". Definetly not dating material. Even though I was one of those "children", she treated me as an equal and we connected in class. She always stood academically, socially, and literally at the top of the class. No doubt she maintained these characteristics throughout her life, mixed in with a gentle kindness. She will be missed by many.Evan Meyers

Evan j Meyers - August 22, 2023 at 06:14 PM