



## Joan Marie Bradburn

August 18, 1951 - August 21, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Marie Bradburn, 73, of New Westminster, BC & Sambro Head, NS. Joan passed away peacefully surrounded by those that loved her on August 21, 2024. Joan was born on August 18, 1951, to Cecil and Isabel Bradburn in Janetville, ON. She was a people person. She lived by the rule that there were no strangers, only friends she had not met yet. She was a Canadian Snowbird, flying seasonally between the Atlantic and Pacific Canadian Coasts, with communities on each side eagerly awaiting her return. She could talk to anybody about anything and had the ability to make you feel at ease with her instantly. Her hands were never idle, whether making hot lunches at her grandchildren's school, working on many, many sewing creations or chasing after her grandchildren and dogs. She would only be seen sitting (more like perching) with a cup of tea or a glass of Guinness in her hand.

She was the best mother to her children and the little birds she picked up along the way. That was what made her special. She would give parts of herself to all she met. She left a long chain of people that experienced her genuine care and consideration and live everyday in the glow of her kindness. Once she made her way into your life she left a mark. Even if you didn't see her for years, only spoke through the occasional email or lost contact with her all together you'd think of her fondly, remember the way she made you feel and took her with you in your heart.

Joan will be forever dearly loved by her children Rebecca (Tanya), Josephine

(Jody), Evangelina (Iain) and Brett (Navoda), her grandchildren Arthur, Oisin, Isola, Ioan, Faron & Cían, her brother Ralph (Helene) and children, her special pet family Poppy, Max, Shorty, Fitz & Onyx as well as many cherished friends. She was predeceased by her parents and those she also considered her parents Murray & Jean Stephens.

A celebration of life will be held at 1-5pm on August 24th at Ketch Harbour Community Centre (964 Ketch Harbour Road). Cremation to be conducted privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Joan has asked for donations be made to Hope for Wildlife h <https://www.hopeforwildlife.net/> or any animal shelter/sanctuary of your choosing.

The family would like to acknowledge the incredible and empathetic care from the nurses, doctors and staff at the Halifax Infirmary, particularly 3IMCU. You made her last few weeks as comfortable as possible, allowing her to find her voice while showing your respect. She was grateful that this country offers MAID, believing that this is a critical service all societies should provide. She was an advocate for the virtue of compassion and that no one should suffer against their will. We cannot thank you enough.

# Tribute Wall

KV

“Joan was a very dear friend. We have known each other for over 50 years from college/university days. We had many mini trips together- PEI, Quebec City, Montreal, Victoria...always with many laughs and a few beers! Ever though we lived many miles from each other, Joan was a loyal, caring and special woman. Beckie, Josie, Angie and Brett...please accept my sincerest condolences. Your Mom was the absolute best- mother and friend. I will miss her always. Love Kelly

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**Kelly Vollerling** - August 25, 2024 at 07:19 PM

CT

“My children and I had the joy of spending time with Joan when she joined us assisting with our children's class last summer. She was always willing to support her family however was needed. Her presence brought peacefulness and joy to our classes. She was always asking how she could help and shared generously the snacks she had brought.

*We are so sad to hear that she has left this world. Heartfelt love and prayers to her family and to all those who loved her.*

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**Christina Tsikata** - August 23, 2024 at 06:03 PM

FF

“Joan was a true friend and a great mother and loved by all.  
Celebrate the life

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**Fosh Fraser** - August 23, 2024 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ As a kid I would offer to lend my mom out to my friends, because I thought everyone should have a mom like that. The only way that energetic woman would finally sit down was if you handed her a Guinness, as such I was sure to keep our house stocked. With us on so many of our adventures, there for all the ups and downs, and so often dragged in to one of my overly ambitious projects with the biggest smile happy to be there. Now I take her with me everywhere I go ❤️

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**Rebecca Stephens** - August 23, 2024 at 01:01 PM

SB

*To the family (Poppy too), and loved ones, so sorry for everyone's loss. Joan left a positive impact on everyone one who had the privilege of meeting her how ever it may be. Treated us all with so much kindness, her wisdom, and non-judgmental ways.*

*I will miss you so much my friend! Know you will touch many more people on your new journey!*

*Sharl-Anne, Francois, and Jax*

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**Sharl-Anne Briere** - August 25, 2024 at 03:38 PM

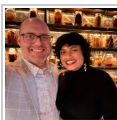
LS

“ My deepest condolences to Joan's family. I only knew Joan briefly but she made a huge impact. The love and devotion that was shown between Joan and her family was admirable. She was a special person and I will not forget her.

*Sincerely,  
Lisa Smith RN 3IMCU*

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**Lisa Smith** - August 23, 2024 at 04:53 AM



*Lisa - You and the rest of the 3IMCU were amazing. We can't thank you enough for being there for her and us.*

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**Navoda Samarasekera** - August 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM

RS

*Lisa we cannot thank you and the 3IMCU staff enough for mom's care and the space you made for us the family. We appreciate you and all you must do every day so much ❤️*

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**Rebecca Stephens** - August 23, 2024 at 12:55 PM

HM

*Joan was a bundle of love, energy and care. She was an amazing neighbour and shared her many talents with her family, friends and community. She will be missed, but her caring and generous spirit will live on in our hearts.*

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**Hilary May** - August 24, 2024 at 07:41 AM

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*We are saddened to learn of Joan's passing and send our condolences to her family. Joan's kind manner and bubbly personality will be remembered fondly. Caring thoughts are with you all! ❤️*

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**Curtis and Margie Cameron** - August 24, 2024 at 08:02 PM