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On 21 December 2023 Shelly passed away at the Halifax Infirmary, the result of a long and difficult struggle with trauma, addiction and mental health challenges that dominated most of her short life. Despite these burdens she had an undeniable spark that never diminished; she was the kind of person you wanted to help, and many did. On behalf of Shelly's family we would like to express our sincere gratitude for anyone who showed her a kindness over the course of her life. Her story is a tragedy in so many ways, but she finally is at peace.

She will also be remembered for her intelligence and her religious faith, but mostly for her deep and abiding love of reading; it was her solace and escape the whole of her life.

Shelley is pre-deceased by her parents (Virginia Henley MacNeil and "Open Mike" MacNeil), brothers (Barry, Robbie and Michael), and her beloved son Justin Tyler Crowell. She is survived by her sisters Janina MacNeil (Greg Clattenburg), Pam Pritchard (Darcy), brothers Chris and Colin, son Logan Crowell (Hilary Davies), grandchildren Angus and Olive Crowell, and former husband Bruce Crowell. She also had a son, born in 1997-1998 and

adopted shortly after birth, whose name the family does not know and who remains in our thoughts.

If you would like to honour Shelly's memory, please consider a donation to the North End Community Health Centre (<https://nechc.com/get-involved>)

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)

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“ *I knew Mitchell MacNeil in the late 20s and early 21s. I let her into my home and my heart. Yes, she did believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope she has found a home with Him now. God bless you, Mitchell.*

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