



## Shelagh Frances McCulloch-Taylor

August 23, 1938 - March 19, 2024

McCulloch-Taylor, Shelagh Frances - B.A., B. Ed., M. Div. - 23 Aug 1938 - 19 Mar 2024 Survived by sons Kevin and Mike Taylor (Stephanie) and beloved grandchildren Dylan, Liam, and, Cassie; Cara and Jacqueline Todd; Jaden Taylor Higgins and great grandson Taylor Todd Henneberry. Also, sister Susan Richardson and sister-in-law Norma Rockwood McCulloch; niece Sarah Richardson (Bill, Liam and Ella); nephews Patrick and David McCulloch and great niece Liliana McCulloch. Predeceased by sons Sean Francis (1964-1965) and Patrick Mayno Taylor (1962-1980), and, brother Kim. T . McCulloch (1942-2014). Born in Hamilton, ON in 1938 to Irene ( nee Fitzsimons) and Harvey F. McCulloch Q.C. Attended Central Public School, Ryerson Senior Public (where she received awards for history and art) and Westdale High graduating in 1956. Married T. Mayno Taylor in 1960 completing B.A. Carleton U shortly thereafter followed by B.Ed. from Dalhousie U. While raising family of 4 boys she explored her artistic talent through drawing and the medium of enamel on copper creating unique jewelry and decorative plaques. These were sold (accompanied by fellow artist Frances Beis) at local craft markets. Shelagh also served as a hospice volunteer in Halifax hospitals and initiated the formation of a Support Group for Bereaved Parents through the IWK in the 1980's. This group continues today. 1983 opened the door to living for 6 years in the residence at Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax where her calling to the ministry was discovered. Raised as an Anglican, Shelagh joined the United Church of Canada which ordained her in 1989. Nevertheless she

remained always an explorer in terms of spirituality and religion. After serving as a student minister with fellow student Kim MacAulay at Nappan- Maccan-Fenwick Pastoral Charge she was called to Forbes Memorial pastoral charge churches of Kings Loch Katrine, Lochaber and Country Harbour in 1989 where she served until retirement in 1996. Retirement enabled indulgence in some new pursuits becoming an avid gardener and bird watcher. At her cottage she could often be seen swimming, or canoeing on the Lake, or curled up on a porch chair with a murder mystery or perhaps a collection of poems like her mother before her. In 2007 Shelagh suffered catastrophic kidney failure (AGBM) which resulted in 3 years dialysis at the QE2 in the winters and at St Martha's hospital in Antigonish in the summers. In 2010 she received the most remarkable precious and generous gift from dear sister Susan - a kidney! Both recovered extremely well and enjoyed many years of good health thereafter. Shelagh did not consider herself a "good traveller" usually preferring home to sight seeing in distant places. Notable exceptions were the European adventure with life-long friend Helen Howard in the 1950's, Nashville in the 90's with friend Freeman Roach with whom delight in classic country music was shared. More recently she enjoyed a river cruise with sister Susan through France and a tour of Western Newfoundland with best friend Cathy. Shelagh moved from Antigonish back to Halifax in in 2020 to live with son Kevin, dog Yoda and beloved Cat Patchy. Family extend gratitude to caregivers, her son Kevin Taylor and her faithful friend Cathy Taylor for their boundless support. Recommended Charitable Donations to Red Cross, S.P.C.A., or Trinity United Church, Timberlea.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Rev Lloyd Grant, Lady Cecille Grant, Leadership and members of the Beechville Baptist Church send our sincerest condolences to the family of Shelagh Frances McCulloch-Taylor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of grief.*

*John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*



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**Beechville Baptist Church** - March 29, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BM

“ *Judi and I were saddened to hear of Shelagh’s passing. She has been a wonderful friend going back to when we were next door neighbours as infants growing up on George St. In Hamilton. We reconnected in the last 30 years and shared our faith. Our visit to her cottage in 2007 showed us how much she enjoy that little part of paradise. She was a special person not only as a friend, but a caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother and to her church community. She was also a very bright and talented woman. She will be really missed by all who had the privilage of knowing her but our faith tells us we will meet again. Our sincere condolences to all the family as they deal with her passing*  
*Bill & Judi Moffat*

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**Bill & Judi Moffat** - March 27, 2024 at 10:20 PM

MM

“ On behalf of the entire Martino family, our deepest sympathy and condolence on the loss of Shelagh. We all have very fond memories of our vacations together (8 young boys between the 2 families!) and the times we had growing up in the 70's! All the best to Mayno and the boys and all extended family.

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**Michael Martino** - March 27, 2024 at 10:44 AM



Correction 7 young boys- still a handful!

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**MJ Martino** - March 27, 2024 at 07:47 PM

PC

A kind and generous soul. Farewell Shelagh

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**Peter & carolyn** - March 28, 2024 at 09:50 AM

SS

Mayno and Cathy, Mike and Kevin... We know how much you and all the family are going to miss your beautiful Shelagh. We will always remember her as in the picture with a warm smile and bubbly personality that always made those around her feel happy. I will always remember her as a devoted and loving mother who deeply cared about her children and yet she faced the greatest tragedy a parent could suffer with the loss of Sean and Patrick.

We believe that you Shelagh are now at peace. We love you dear Sister-in-law Now and forever!

Susan and Richard

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**Susan Schmaltz** - March 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM

AS

*Dear Taylor and McCulloch families.*

*My favourite memories of Shelagh were spending time with her at her cottage...I think it was my first time spending time with her as an adult...sometimes just the two of us, making meals and tending to her gardens, chasing Lion King, feeding birds, and talking on the porch looking over the water. She was always so easy to talk with, warm and cheerful and loving. I would look around her space and appreciate the beautiful art she would collect at local craft/art fairs in her home...and everything just felt genuine and peaceful...she adored her sons and loved to talk about them...I am sorry for their loss. And for all those who loved her, I wish you peace and strength during this difficult time. I am sad I will not see you again Auntie Shelagh...love Andrea*

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**andrea schmaltz** - March 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM