



Valentina Gilby-Cole

March 4, 1964 - April 23, 2026

Valentina Gilby-Cole, age 62

Val passed away peacefully at Colchester Regional Hospital on April 23, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones, beautiful bouquets of flowers and cardinals chirping in the background.

Val had a deep love for gardening and took great pride in her beautiful flowers, earning ribbons in recognition of her dedication and talent.

By her side for many years-and right to the end was her beloved cat, Pretty Girl Marie.

For someone who claimed not to be a "people person", Val didn't quite realize just how far her reach went. It turns out she made an impact on far more people than she knew.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Patterson and the palliative care team, as well as Duana from the Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) program for honouring Val's independence and ensuring she remained in the driver's seat, with dignity and control right to the end.

On the days that you would normally go to Val for advice, remember she would say "mind your business and stay in your own lane and if you can't do that then F-CAW-F.

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *My deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She was a regular at the Wing Fu Restaurant. One of my favourite customers. She will be missed.*

Catherine Evans - April 27 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ *Val was a light at our laundromat, she was spunky, funny, caring and will be missed always!*

Jill Macdonnell - April 27 at 01:17 PM

DG

“ *My sincere condolences; she had the most fantastic green thumb and had given me some of her Virginia creeper years ago. Rest in peace*

Daphne Goodine - April 27 at 07:08 AM

KL

“ *So sorry to hear of Val's passing. Our condolences to Maggie and her family.*

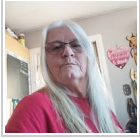
kathy lefort - April 26 at 02:03 PM

RF

*I am so sorry to read this. Val was a very special person. She will be missed by all her family & friends. ❤️🙏❤️
Rose Mary Fancy ❤️*

read this post. Val was a great friend & will be missed by all her family & friends. Treasure all your great memories. Rose Mary Fancy

Rose Mary FANCY - April 26 at 07:02 PM



“ I've known Val for many many years. We met back in Cranbrook BC . Val was a wonderful person, always loved her babies Patrick (Boo) and Lil Maggie. You will be missed Val i only wish we could have had a coffee together one last time.



Julia Mccrory - April 26 at 12:28 PM

GR

val is the mother of my siblings Patrick and Maggie I loved her always I remember first meeting her 1982 beautiful woman soft spoken rip val

Ginny Rhodenizer - April 26 at 02:13 PM

JH

Maggie and family, so very sorry for your loss 💔

Janice Haire - April 26 at 05:14 PM

PG

Deepest condolences to Maggie and family over the loss of Valentina, she was a real sweetheart and always enjoyed our chats whenever we had a chance.

Patricia Goodbrand - April 27 at 08:40 AM

LH

Sincere condolences to Valentina's family. I had met her many years ago when I stopped by for some of her beautiful plants and plant advice. I instantly liked her spunky personality. Recently I had the pleasure of seeing her again at the Pharmacy where I work.
Lori Horne

Lori Horne - June 02 at 09:02 PM

MM

“ I met Val at the East Hants pool and we became friends. She always brought joy to our class. My deepest condolences to Maggie and the rest of her family.

Muriel Miller - April 26 at 11:57 AM

JN

She will be greatly missed at class.

Jennifer Northup - April 26 at 12:48 PM

JS

So sorry to hear of Val's passing always loved chatting with Val. Sending condolences to the family.

Joan Shaw - April 27 at 06:57 AM

MM

“ Val was one of a kind and always the same through the years. I have many fun memories of our teen years and the shenanigans. Val always had a smile and joking about something. She had a great laugh. My mom always cared a lot about Val, as she was always good to lend a hand or drive if needed. Usually stopping for a Big Mac treat❤️
My heartfelt condolences to all of Val's family. May she rest in peace💖

Michelle MacDonnell - April 26 at 11:52 AM

RF

Condolences to Maggie & all the family
Val was a great lady & will be missed by many. R.I.P. VAL ❤️🙏❤️

Rose Mary FANCY - April 26 at 07:15 PM

PN

Condolences to Val's family. I met Val around 10-12 yrs ago when she came to Nfld for a Budden family event. From our first meeting, we were friends. I loved her outgoing Personality, he quick rough laugh and how kind she was. I ended up stuck in Halifax airport few yrs ago, she came and picked me up , had a bed already with heated blanket. Loved her country cottage and her she shed and her flowers. Wonderful friend. Her texts will be missed

Pauline Budden. Baytona, Ngld - April 27 at 01:42 PM

VH

“ *You were a great person. Caring ,kind and always positive. God bless*

Valerie Hamilton - April 26 at 11:04 AM