



## SMITH, Josephine Susan Beatrice

She left us too suddenly on Friday Dec 3 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa with her husband Nick Bludov at her side. Beloved mother of Melanie Smith, sister to Anne, fondly remembered to nieces Leslie her husband Rick, Linda and Jenny. Loved to laugh, cook, travel to her trailer in Prince Edward County by the Sandbanks. Born in West Lancashire England in 1949 to Joseph and Ethel Platt, she came to Canada with her parents while still an infant. The couple settled in Toronto. Josie left home while still in her teens. She travelled to Woodstock in 69, dated rock musicians, was a big fan of Burton Cummings and John Lennon. Her career spanned many roles; She was a trailblazer as one of the first female industrial machinists, she worked at Ontario Hydro, and knew every street and back alley in Scarborough delivering pizzas. She then worked at a number of sales jobs in real estate and cosmetics highlighting her bright personality, sense of humour and delight in the company of others. She had a personal understanding of poverty and chronic pain through her own struggle with single parenthood, disc disease, early onset arthritis and multiple fractures. She sponsored 2 children in Africa and supported local agencies that assisted the poor. Also a lover of animals and nature, she gave to wildlife sanctuaries and was a mother to a multi cat family (5 at its peak). She met Nick in 1985 through mutual friends and they married in 1988. The couple lived in Scarborough for 8 years and moved to Oshawa in 1994 where they remained until the present. Deep gratitude to the incredible team of caregivers led by Heather, Stacey and Kayla that made her final months at home filled with innumerable moments of joy and hope. The family is planning to have a celebration of her life later in the spring somewhere outdoors with the butterflies in flight that she so loved. Arrangements entrusted to **McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Memorial donations may be made to The Denise House shelter for abused women and their children <https://thedenisehouse.com>.

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## Condolences

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**Iris Nash**

Nick and Melanie, please accept my heartfelt sorrow and condolences in the loss of Josie. I wish I had seen more of her and gotten to know her. She sounds like a real treasure!

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**Stacy Macgillivray**

Words Cannot express enough what a beautiful person Josie was she will forever be remembered and missed. Love Always Stacy♥

