

Dr. Shirley Anne Holloway

Dr. Shirley Anne Holloway lived her life and pursued her goals according to the T.S. Eliot maxim: "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." Born in Nottingham, England, she left to see the rest of the world as a graduate pharmacist and chemical technologist. She continued to study as she came to Canada, moved to the USA and then back to England. Upon returning to Canada she completed her PhD in cell biology at York University. She worked as a college science instructor before becoming Dean of Technology, Science and Trades at George Brown College in Toronto (the first woman to hold such a position in North America). She moved to Victoria to become the Dean of Trades and Technology at Camosun College, and then to Edmonton as Vice-President Academic and Student Services at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. While pursuing a rewarding career for herself, she raised three very active sons, lovingly guiding them into adulthood. She was also an excellent athlete, participating in a variety of competitive sports throughout her life. Her involvement in field hockey took her to places such as Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, Netherlands and Argentina where she would have as much fun off the field as on. Nearing age 70, she decided she would like to try playing goalie in ice hockey, which she continued doing up until a few days before she passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015, at the age of 77. The daughter of Ronald and Phyllis Pugsley is survived by her brother, Tony Pugsley, sister, Joy Salsbury, three sons, Andy, Phil (Tess) and Russ (Teresa), and grandchildren, Themis, Caitlin and Brooke. She leaves us far too soon. In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation in her honour to Operation Trackshoes at trackshoes.ca