

Justine John Elaine Batten

Justine John Elaine Batten passed away peacefully on March 5, 2017 at the too young age of 64. She was predeceased by her father, M.C.R. Batten and her mother Mary J. Batten (nee Fodchuk), who died on October 9, 2015. Justine is survived by her daughter, Chelsea Jon Demetria Batten, her brother Dick (Donna) Batten, her sisters, Trish Batten (Clay Serby) and Jyll Batten-Young (Greg Buhl) as well as numerous and well loved nephews and nieces, great-nephews and nieces, cherished friends, and a moderately anti-social cat.

Justine was born in Humboldt, Saskatchewan on July 7, 1952. Prior to attending university, Justine worked at Lookout, a shelter in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver assisting individuals with addiction issues. Justine attended the University of Saskatchewan, where she obtained her law degree in 1980. She practised law, primarily in the area of family law, from 1980 to 1990. In 1990, Justine moved to Victoria BC. Justine worked for the provincial government of British Columbia from 1990 to 2017. The majority of her years with the government were spent as the Director of the Archaeology Branch with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. Justine was most widely known for her quick wit and take charge attitude in all she did, professionally and personally. To those who were closest to her, however, she was known for the great loyalty and compassion that lay beneath her irreverent sense of humour. Professionally, Justine was often called upon to handle controversial work-related issues, which she handled in a firm, compassionate and effective manner. Personally, she was the person who family and friends would turn to first in any crisis. Justine was fiercely protective of those she loved and her diverse professional and life experience made her an empathetic and understanding port in the storm for anyone in need of help or understanding. Justine was a highly

intelligent and capable woman but it was her authenticity and compassion that marked her as a truly remarkable person who will be very much missed by everyone who knew her.

A service celebrating Justine's life will be held at the Inn at Laurel Point on April 18, 2017 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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