# Margaret “Maggie” Rose Mullen

Margaret Rose Mullen (Hamel), 56, of Victoria, BC, passed away peacefully of Congestive Heart Failure in the tender embrace of her husband, Steve, at Royal Jubilee Hospital on Thursday morning, March 3, 2016.

Our beautiful Maggie was born on December 7, 1959 in Sherbrooke, Quebec to Rodolphe and Charlotte Hamel.

Maggie was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, (TOF), a congenital heart defect resulting in “blue baby syndrome”. After pioneering surgery at the Montreal Heart Institute to repair the hole in her heart, Maggie was not expected to see her 14th birthday. She proved everyone wrong and persevered.

Maggie left home at an early age (16 years) to pursue her studies in Montreal. Upon completion, her fearless sense of adventure took her to Wainwright, Alberta as a nanny for a few years. It was here she met her close friend, Shawn Sheehy. Like minded, they decided to travel to Victoria, Shawn to visit her family and Maggie to see the ocean. Thankfully, they stayed!

On Valentine’s Day at “The Old Forge”(Yes it’s true) in 1980, Steve and Maggie met. Inseparable, they married on December 18, 1988.

Maggie pursued a career in Hairdressing and management for almost 25 years. When she decided a change was in order, always a numbers person, she went to work for HR Block. She took great pride in helping people and many of her clients became family friends. After a few years, she decided to strike out on her own, and established her Tax Business in a converted room, that once held a tanning bed, at the Phoenix Gym on Government St. Her business grew and she left her humble digs behind and opened an office on Douglas St. where

she remained until her health forced her to retire.

Maggie dabbled in many artistic and creative outlets over the years, including web and graphic design, screenwriting, poetry and playing the guitar. She loved nature; the ocean and mountains were a lifelong source of serenity and quiet reflection. It will be in her favorite places that her ashes will be scattered.

Maggie is predeceased by her father, Rodolphe and mother, Charlotte. Maggie is survived by her loving husband, Steve. She also shared a special bond with her brother and sisters, Joseph (Joe), Cathy (Catou) and Patricia (Trish).

Maggie's family is grateful for the exceptional, compassionate care provided to her by the Doctors, Nurses, HCA's and staff of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

A celebration of Maggie's life will be held at the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom, 1586 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC on Saturday, April 23 at 2pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

"there's no forsaking what you love no existential leap as witnessed here in time and blood a thousand kisses deep" – **Leonard Cohen**

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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