

Susan Anne-Marie Coneys (nee Morgan-Locke)

Susan Anne-Marie Coneys (nee Morgan-Locke) died peacefully in Victoria, B.C. on January, 12, 2017 at the age of 68. She is survived by her daughters Anna (Dan) Strasser and Kathy (Kevin) Alexander; her brother Christopher (Kate) Morgan-Locke; sister Dianne (Ray) Brooks, and five grandchildren. Also survived by Dr. Marcus (Evelyn) Coneys, ex-husband and father of her children from whom she welcomed warm-hearted care and support in her final weeks.

Her celebration of life will be held at McCall Gardens (Royal Oak location) on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1:00pm.

Sue was born on November 10th, 1948, in Manchester, England to Peter and Marie Morgan-Locke. At a young age, Sue developed the ability to handle responsibility, as she looked after her younger siblings regularly after school. After studying Greek and Roman Mythology in Northampton, she married Marcus in 1969 and they moved to Dublin. During her years in Ireland, she worked as a veterinary assistant and Marcus completed his studies in medicine. Marcus and Sue emigrated to Canada in 1974, and welcomed their firstborn later that year. Their second baby arrived 14 months later. Dedicated and supportive, Sue threw herself into family life. Her gracious and positive spirit was foundational to the family's happiness.

Sue put her remarkable energy, vision and organizational skill into all sorts of community work, including leading her daughters' Girl Guide groups, chairing parent committees at Claremont school, organizing church fairs, chaperoning band trips and working as a publicist for theatre productions. She always knew how to get things done. No challenge – parenting or otherwise – ever seemed to phase her.

Sue loved orchestrating connections between people and had a genuine talent for building community. Tremendously open and accepting, she regarded people in the most positive light, giving her support to many through difficult times. Her enthusiasm and unconditional love was like a fire that propelled and inspired.

After her children grew up, her boundless volunteering continued and often turned into paid work as she helped run a dessert catering business, provided administrative support to local musicians and arts groups including The Victoria Good News Choir, The Victoria Children's choir, the Arts and Alzheimer's Foundation and the Open Door Choir, which is an outreach to vulnerable members of our community.

Despite the administrative nature of her work, she was destined to find her way to the stage, raising her voice joyfully from within her choirs as the years went on.

Sue's house was a constant hub of social and business gatherings. Knock on her door, and you would find her warm smile inviting you in to the kitchen nook where "nibblies" and tea would instantly appear.

Beyond her involvement in the arts, Sue loved to travel, spend time in her garden, watch Star Trek episodes from every decade, walk daily with "the walking ladies," and enjoy a fine glass of rum along with thoughtful conversation and a good laugh.

In keeping with her habit of almost never falling ill, Sue bounced back with vigour after colon surgery in December 2014. When cancer reappeared in the summer of 2016 and then spread further in the fall, she faced the disease with grace, strength and steadfast hope.

You may offer a donation in Sue's honour to Our Place Society, Victoria Hospice, or The BC Cancer Agency. Most of all, we hope you will tap your feet if you like the beat, because "the

singing is the feeling is the song.” –from the song, “Pitter Patter” by John Krumm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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