Devine Elden

DECEMBER 30, 2018

On December 30, 2018, Devine left neatly packed on Flight #000 Heaven bound after a long and full, creative and colorful life.

Devine leaves behind an eclectic group of friends and family who will continue her legacy by passing forward the many little pearls of wisdom she so consistently shared.

Her constant reminders to:

Live a life with an "Attitude of Gratitude" or

"Each One, Teach One"

will remain with each of us and ensure her generosity of spirit continues on in the world!

"Reflection"

I shall pass through this life but once.

If, therefore, there is any kindness I can show,

Or any good I can do any fellow being,

Let me not deter or neglect it,

For I shall not pass this way again.

Devine died with appreciation for the Medical Assistance in Dying program.

In her words,

We are all a sacred part of each other’s journey, that’s what makes us friends. It’s not easy to leave this earth. Please be grateful for the long and meaningful relationships we have had. Remember I love you all.

Blessings continue to shine on you, Devine

Devine’s sense of peace and strength at the end was, as always, an example to those of us present. While we will miss you Devine, we know that you will be on the welcoming committee when our time comes!

A Memorial for Devine will be held on:

Saturday, January 19th, 2019 at 3 p.m. at:

St. Anne’s Steveston Anglican Church, (#1 and Francis)

4071 Francis Road, Richmond.

A reception will follow in the Common Room of the Church.

Anyone who still has one of Devine’s famous jumpsuits is invited to wear it!

Thank-you to everyone who has been so important in Devine's life. It is your friendship, support and kindness that has sustained her over all these years.

In lieu of flowers please give to the SOS Children's Village B.C.

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You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

We will miss you Devine. You are such an amazing person and will forever remember you. We love you.

— Jason and Sherry Denexter

I will miss your concern for me Devine, meditation wont be the same.
I still have your angel from Jet Lag as a reminder.

— Elizabeth/betty

Devine, Steveston lost an amazing piece of history on your passing. I loved and appreciated your sense of place and it’s people. Your place in the history of Steveston will live on in the people and their many stories of Devine Elden. It was my luck and pleasure to be part of Steveston life with you in it. Live on Devine.
Pat Branch

— Patricia Branch

Stevestons Mayor.
Devine the true Free Spirit,
Devine blessed a lot of Lives. I remember her favorite Friday activity was before closing time she would to turn Jet lag boutique over to a customer and go from store to store blessing everyone, Devine brought happiness hope and goodwill to everything she did.

— Bob Wayte

An important figure in my childhood and my neighbourhood growing up. Laughing, stylish, smiling. Always looking straight into your eyes. Rest In Peace, Devine.

— Roberta Bowen

Sorry to hear you've left us, Devine. You were a one-of-a-kind, larger than life woman who will not easily be forgotten.

— Nancy Bitcon

So happy to have her as an aunt. Always vibrant, wise, generous, stylish and deeply spiritual, she shared her love of God with so many of us. Having etched a place in our hearts, we will indeed miss her.

— Elaine and Jim Elden

Devine will always be mentor, friend and guardian angel. I love you Devine and deeply miss you on so many levels.

— Lorraine

My beautiful Aunt Devine, rest in peace angel. We can not choose our family, I was blessed to have you. I will cherish your pearls of wisdom and promise to pass along your loving, generous spirit to the family that remains - they will know you. Remain at my side forever. Now go dance on the moon with my Mum.
Barb

— Barbara Priestley

Devine I have so many great memories of our times together. Your generous heart made the trip of my three sisters visiting from the east a once in a life time experience. Inga and Kay will be there to welcome you.

— Bette McWilliams

Thanks for all the WONDERFUL memories, my dear Cousin!
Life was never boring when we were together.
May our God continue to hold you in the palm of God's hand!

— Maureen McKeown

On behalf of your PMHS Class of ‘58, I thank you Devine for being such a vibrant member - always fashionable, always fun -yet deeper than portrayed
I enjoyed our endearing friendship for 60 years. Thx for the many times you came out on a cold January morning to cheer me on in the Steveston IceBreaker Race!
God Bless! ♥

— Holmes Violet

This blessed corner of Westwater Village will always be our secret! For 31 years we shared our space, sometimes it felt distant but there was never a doubt I my mind that I had an angle as my best friend, my mentor, and the best neighbour anyone could have! We miss you dearly and know that we were blessed to have you in our life!
RIP dear friend

— Gloria and John Greenwood

Devine and her beloved George and Vi Puhl were a triumvirate of positivity. Our world misses your energy but maybe not? A life well lived and remembered.

— Karin Sipko

I will miss my skating friend. I thank you for your friendship and will always remember your sense of fun, your love of life, your courage cg6jqmand your generosity. You were a special person.

— Carol McBryde

Devine Elden was a special friend of mine as she was to many others. She was a lady who lived by the code that she preached and oft recited, “a life of attitude and gratitude.”

It was not until the later years of her life that I came to know and understand the complexities that comprised this lady. It was a relationship that developed between us that allowed me to realize that her positive outlook on living and her giving attitude were the qualities that drew myself and so many others to become close to her.

A long life can be marred by setbacks, disappointments, struggles both emotional and economic and heartbreak. What truly marked Devine as a lady of distinction was how she emerged from these setbacks and was able to realize an existence that was rewarding for her and had a positive effect all others she came in contact with.

Undoubtedly it is not an easy challenge to emerge in mid-life and have to set about making the best of a situation fraught with economic perill, long hours, tiredness and a loneliness that comes from having embarked upon a solo career of entrepreneurship. That Devine did just that speaks of the qualities of perseverance and toughness that earned for her the admiration of so many.

My being, as I know it has been with so many others, has been enriched by my close friendship with Devine. I grew to appreciate why she loved her home community of Steveston, came to understand the reasons why she acquired so many friends, appreciated her ability to reach out in so many positive ways and most of all, the true love she had for living and doing things that had a positive effect on so many including myself.

In this complex and troubled world there are many choices that an individual can make and as many potential outcomes as a result of those choices, both positive and negative. Often, someone may wither before the consequences and withdraw from the world and it’s challenges. Or an individual can decide to strive to overcome obstacles, to utilize one’s talents to make things better for themselves and for others and to reach out to give in so many different ways. Devine Elden chose the latter of those two options and that is why she will be remembered by so many of us as an individual that we so deeply valued.

Gerry Swan
In memory of Devine Elden

— Gerry Swan

The Angels are a reminder of your love and commitment to others. Blessings will always shine on you.
Just remember “Someone in your path is going to need a Angel”

Norm and Louise Davis
Bowen Island

— Louise and Norm Davis

Devine, you were one of a kind, always enjoyed visiting you at your shop and when you came into RBC, you will be missed so much, just found out today, have many of your angels in my pockets, I know you have joined all the angels in heaven, rest in peace, Gloria

— Gloria Trimble

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