



Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan

May 8, 1950 - April 23, 2016

Elizabeth, beloved wife of Ron Cunningham passed away on Saturday April 23, 2016 at the age of 65 years. Born May 8th, 1950 in Consort, Alberta Elizabeth grew up in a loving family with her four sisters, Sharon, Maureen, Mary Ethel, and Margaret, raised by Jack and Marie Phelan.

Elizabeth taught in Edmonton, Alberta for over 30 years; she was a genuinely gifted mentor, teacher and friend. All who know her were touched by her compassion, her joy for life and her amazing kindness. She was a woman of true character and will always be remembered.

She married her soulmate and best friend who will miss her dearly. She is survived by her loving husband Ron Cunningham, daughters Kendra, Karena, and Ceara-Tess; her son Ken; and grandchildren Qwynn, Aouyn, Reed, Maddyn and Lincoln.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday April 30, 2016 at 12:30 pm at Leduc Fellowship Church on 4401 Rollyview Road in Leduc, Alberta.

"...you are my rainbow to keep. My eyes will always be watching you; never will I lose sight of you" (Vesna Bailey)

In place of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada at <http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/en/home/donate/default.aspx>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 12:30 PM (MT)

Leduc Fellowship Church
4401 Rollyview Road
Leduc, AB

Tribute Wall

“ Liz

I remember when we first met, I answered your advertisement for a Nanny.

1982, it was quite the year, somehow I had managed to get myself to Canada and found myself in the wilds of Alberta - a place called Eckville

After a couple of months I realized the small town life was not for me, and escaped to the big city of Edmonton!!!!!!!!!!

What a joy it was to be offered a job at Liz and Ron's. Liz kindly offered to talk to immigration and let them know that she had given me employment.

Each weekday morning I would make my way to Southgate and look after 2 adorable little girls' Kendra and Korena, (and later Ceara Tess).

We had our daily routine, breakfast, playtime, lunch and nap.

Four years I worked in this happy home, to be included as part of the family was a great comfort and honor for me.

I really appreciate the fact that we remained friends to this day, we shared a lot of our hopes and dreams back then. Fridays became my favorite day, when you and Ron came home and we would sit down, have a drink and you would invite me to stay awhile.

You were such a special person to me, you made my life so much better, Thanks for caring for me and all the good times we shared.

Years after I became a Canadian citizen and moved out West I always looked forward to our visits together Liz, I will never forget you

All my thanks and love Pat xoxoxo





Pat Davison - April 30, 2016 at 11:02 AM

SF

“ *Sheryl Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan*



Sheryl Ferguson - April 30, 2016 at 12:27 AM

PA

“ *Pat and Steve, Tom and Allie purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan.*



Pat and Steve, Tom and Allie - April 29, 2016 at 06:34 PM

JM

“ *John Morris purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan.*



John Morris - April 29, 2016 at 02:24 PM

PC

“ *Such sad news - Liz will be greatly missed but I and so many others hold her close in our heart with the many wonderful memories we have of her.*

Liz and I worked together in Edmonton and when she and Ron retired, first Gabriola Island and then Nanaimo, we visited occasionally. Liz's joy for life, her laugh, her smile and her wonderful sense of humour were special. She was caring and loving - this world was a better place having her a part of it. She loved and was so very proud of her family. Her enjoyment was complete when she had a good book to read (and share!).

My condolences to Ron and the family. May Liz's sparkle shine on in the eyes of her precious grandchildren!

With sincere sympathy, Penny Cuddy

Penny Cuddy - April 28, 2016 at 02:06 AM

 Marek Kociolk

“ *Miss Phelan was one of my favorite teachers at Austin O' Brien.. .She was always kind and gentle and I never heard her say anything negative or disrespectful to any of the students. She was a beacon of guidance and she helped students to maintain balance at school. She will be missed, and I have fond memories of her.*

Marek Kociolk - April 28, 2016 at 12:16 AM

HP

“ *She was one of my favorite faculty members at Austin O'Brien in the years I attended. Her insight and wisdom helped me along my path to where I am today. Thank you Ms. Phelan. Godspeed,*
Hugh Plouffe - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Hugh Plouffe - April 26, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan.*



April 26, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ *Ceara Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Phelan*



Ceara Cunningham - April 26, 2016 at 01:04 PM



I'm truly saddened to hear about the loss of your mother, Ceara. May your memories grow stronger and your heart ache less as the years go by.

Mary - April 28, 2016 at 10:09 AM



I have many fond, happy memories of Liz growing up in Gold Bar in Edmonton. Liz was always kind, compassionate, happy, and fun, with a great sense of humor. One of my strongest memories was when "out of the blue" she invited me to go to Jasper with her in her brand new, big, beautiful Pontiac Lemans. I was thrilled and honored to be asked. We had a wonderful, fun time with a lot of laughing. Even sleeping in a soaking wet pup tent, listening to the pouring rain was fun with her. My best goes out to Ron, her children, and grandchildren (I bet she was the best Grandma ever!) Also to the wonderful Phelan girls; Marie, Sharon, Maureen, Mary Ethel and Margaret. My most sincere sympathy to you all. May you find strength during this sad time, and always.

Claire Sicotte

Claire Sicotte - April 29, 2016 at 04:37 PM

DC

It's sad to hear of Elizabeth's passing, I'll remember her as a wonderful person with a very healthy sense of humor. My sincere condolences to her family.

*Dan Coulson
Victoria, B.C.*

Dan Coulson - April 30, 2016 at 04:21 PM

LJ

*Dear Phelan and Cunningham families,
Our family was very sad to hear of Liz's passing and we feel blessed to have known Liz and her family on a variety of levels. Our relationships with the Phelan family began almost 50 years ago at Austin O'Brien...as classmates, colleagues, teacher/students, and most of all as friends. Even our moms were friends for many years when they lived in the same condominium complex in Heritage. Our sincere condolences to all of you on the loss of a wonderful wife, sister, mother and grandma.*

The Spennrath Family

Louise Jubinville - May 02, 2016 at 04:39 PM