



## Mae Anne Beech

January 27, 1941 - March 16, 2016

Mae Anne Beech passed away peacefully after a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer on March 16, 2016. Anne, as she was known, was born on January 27, 1941 in East End, Saskatchewan, Canada to Henry and Varah Noland. She spent her formative years with her family on their cattle ranch, and was known to ride her horse to school on occasion. As a teenager she left home and moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where she worked as a model until she settled in to her early career as a dental assistant. There she met her future husband, Robert Beech.

The couple married on March 28th, 1970, and lived and worked in Vancouver for a time. Eventually they moved to Bellingham where they bought the Rainbow Inn Tavern and changed its name to The Beech House Pub. Together Bob and Anne ran the pub until they sold it in 1996, and bought several apartment buildings in the Bellingham area. In addition to running these two businesses, Anne pursued a myriad of artistic and creative ventures including painting, drawing, glass blowing, steel cutting and welding, and gardening flowers, which always filled her home in season. But her greatest joy was her family, including her son and grandchildren. She devoted countless time and energy to them. When Anne made a decision she was unwavering and determined. She was full of tenacity, hard working, and endlessly loyal. She will be tremendously missed by family and friends.

Anne is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Beech and sister, Mary Millions. Anne is survived by her son, Kevin (Shaerna) Beech, grandchildren Xavier and Cathrina Beech, sister Joan Noland, and many nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held at Enterprise Cemetery, followed by a public open house on Friday March 25th from 3-5pm. Please contact the family at [wave@beechnut.org](mailto:wave@beechnut.org) for further details.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Wanted to let Kevin know how proud his parents were of him. Knew Anne and Bob as owners of the Beech House. Sold them Rainier Beer. Anne will always be one classy lady in my mind. Draw on the strength of their love for you and your family.  
John and Lindsay Boettcher.

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**John Boettcher** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Kevin, Shaerna and family. Really sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was always kind to me. I will be thinking of you and your family. Howard

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**Howard Webstad** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are going to miss Anne so much. She became like an extended family to us at all of your gatherings. She was an amazing woman, a fun person to be around and so talented in so many ways. I will hold many, many memories of her close. Lots of love sent your way. ❤️

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**The McMasters** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Kevin, Shaerna, X and Kate: It is so hard to make words have some meaning at this time, it seems that there really is nothing that will make the pain and loss go away. The only thing we can do is keep Anne’s memory with us. I will always keep Anne’s memory in my heart as she was such support for me over the years. I remember as a young girl, being in awe of this flamboyant aunty, loving it when she and Uncle Bob would show up for visits and they always had time for me and making me feel very special. Her greatest joy was you Kevin, and you are a reflection of such love, as are your children. She was determined not to let her humble beginnings affect your future, however, she never lost her “country” girl grounded and practical feel. Over the years of travelling back and forth, I treasured the times we had together, we always had deep conversations about our lives and she was so proud of her achievements. She was a shining light in my life and I will miss her, however, every time I see blown glass, metal art and amazing women who are not afraid to stand out in the crowd, I will fondly think of Aunty Anne. I wish I could be there with you to celebrate her life, know that I will be celebrating her life in my own way this Easter. Much love and condolences to you all and thank you for being the wonderful couple you are. Alane, Glenn and Tristan

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**Alane Millions** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Anne has been our best neighbor for over 20 years. She held our Morey Lane neighborhood together until some older folks moved away and until she got sick. We had many breakfasts together at my house after Bob died and we got to know a very private person a lot better. We miss her so very much. We wish her and her family peace.

*In sympathy,  
Inge and Roy*

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**ingeborg paulus** - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM