

Susan BUGGEY

Obituary



BUGGEY, Susan

April 26, 1941 – April 16, 2015

Susan passed away peacefully at Ottawa General Hospital on April 16, 2015. Daughter of E. Whitney Buggey and Elizabeth (Holden) Buggey, she is survived by her sister Linda Rigby of Delta, BC, nephews Nigel S. Rigby (Vanessa) of Stockton, CA and Graham S. Rigby (Kristen) of Delta, BC; great-nephews Rowan Alexander Rigby and Holden Conner Rigby of Delta; cousin Dr. JoAnne Buggey of Minneapolis, MN, and cousin D. Whitney Buggey (Patricia) of Vernon, BC.

She will be sorely missed by family, friends and colleagues around the world. Susan was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She was a graduate of United College (now University of Winnipeg), obtained a certificate in education from the University of Manitoba and an MA (History), in 1981, from Dalhousie University. She joined the National Historic Sites Service in Ottawa in 1970 and worked for Parks Canada for 27 years. Susan's career at Parks Canada, from historian to senior manager, contributed to a multi-disciplinary research program on history and the built environment, including cultural landscapes which became her passion. She was a pioneer in Canadian landscape history, mentoring and inspiring others interested in entering the field. She was an Adjunct Professor at the universities of Manitoba, Montréal and Victoria where she taught historic landscape conservation and cultural landscapes in various short courses. In the early 1990s she participated in UNESCO's international expert meetings to develop guidelines for including cultural landscapes on the World Heritage List. Since 1975 she contributed articles to various national and international publications. Her recent research and writing focused on aboriginal cultural landscapes and on values and meanings embedded in cultural landscapes. An Honorary Member of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, a fellow and founding member of the Association for Preservation Technology, a founding member of the Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation, and a former board member of Heritage Ottawa, she was actively engaged for more than 35 years in regional, national and international organizations related to heritage conservation. A Family Commitment will take place at Chapel Lawn in Winnipeg. A Commemoration of Susan's Life will be held in Ottawa in June at a location surrounded by the landscapes and gardens she loved. We offer warm thanks to the staff of the Ottawa hospitals for their dedicated care of Susan in the past few weeks. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation to the Willowbank Cultural Landscape Fellowship or Dalhousie University Atlantic World History Scholarship or a charity of their choice.

Funeral Home

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