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With heavy hearts but with immense appreciation for the time we had with her, we announce the passing of Connie Roseann Farris (née Marte), who left us on February 7th, 2025, at the age of 64. A beloved resident of Vancouver, B.C., she brought light, warmth, and kindness to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and raised in Barnwell, Alberta, Connie was an extraordinary woman of courage, determination, and adventure. At just 18, she set out on her own, embarking on a career in the insurance industry in Edmonton, Alberta, where her ambition and dedication helped her rise quickly. Her journey led her to Vancouver, B.C., where she continued her career and, most importantly, met the love of her life, R. W. (Dick) Farris. They married on October 17th, 1997, and together built a life filled with laughter, and deep, unwavering love. Connie embraced life to the fullest. She was a passionate scuba diver, skier, cyclist, triathlete, and world traveler, always eager to explore new horizons. Later, she discovered a love for golf, a sport she mastered alongside her husband. No matter where life took her, she made every place feel like home. She had a gift for transforming spaces with beauty and warmth, decorating for every season and filling our lives with holiday cheer. Christmas, in particular, was a time of magic in her home—her Christmas Eve dinners were legendary, and her baking brought joy to all who tasted it.

For many years, Connie and Dick found peace and joy in their holiday home on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. There, she formed deep and lasting friendships, touching the hearts of everyone she met with her warmth and kindness. To this day, those who knew her remain in awe of her generosity, adventurous spirit, and the love she poured into every relationship. Her creativity knew no bounds. A gifted pianist, she found both solace and joy in music, her fingers effortlessly bringing melodies to life. She was also an extraordinary quilter and, more recently, a masterful knitter. With



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patience and precision, she created intricate, heartfelt pieces—each stitch and pattern infused with love. Her quilts became treasured heirlooms, wrapping family and friends in warmth, while her beautifully knitted creations were a testament to her artistry and dedication. Whether playing the piano, quilting, or knitting, her hands were always creating something beautiful, a true reflection of the love and care she poured into everything she did.

Connie was a constant source of strength and support—not only for her husband, but also for her sisters, and the many friends who were fortunate enough to know her. She was always there, offering a listening ear, a helping hand, and a shoulder to lean on whenever it was needed. Her kindness was boundless, her patience unshakable, and her love unconditional. Above all, Connie was deeply devoted to her family. She loved fiercely, with a warmth and brightness that never dimmed. She was the heart of every gathering, the steady presence who lifted others up with her unwavering encouragement and compassion. Her generosity knew no limits, and her joy was infectious—filling every space she entered with laughter, love, and an unshakable sense of belonging. Family was her greatest treasure, and she gave herself fully to the happiness and well-being of those she loved, always putting them first with an open heart and boundless devotion. She is survived by her devoted husband, Dick Farris; her stepson, James Farris (Shelly); and her loving mother, Ann Marte. She will be deeply missed by her beloved sisters: Jennifer Marte (Gail), Colleen Marte and her son Westley, and Noreen Marte (Pepe) and their children, Tundra Sage and Benjamín Ezequiel. She is also lovingly remembered by her extended family in Toronto, including Donalda Hilton (David). Though we mourn her loss, we also celebrate the incredible life she lived and the beautiful memories she leaves behind. Her love will continue to shine through the lives of those she cherished, and the wisdom she shared will remain in our hearts forever. She will be profoundly missed but never forgotten, as her light lives on in all of us.

A Celebration of Life for Connie will be held at a later date, with details to be announced.



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Shannon Forbes posted:

I'm so grateful to have known Connie. She was always so warm, welcoming and comforting to be around. Her cooking, her crafting, her home and garden were tended to with such love and attention to detail that in a world that is so upside down now, seems to make the gift she had for homemaking and hosting that much more amazing, like the level of caring and kindness she did it with is becoming lost, more and more. I hadn't seen Connie for a long time but was in town last October and staying across the river. I popped in for a visit with Dick and Connie and after a wonderful chat I mentioned to Connie that I had just gotten a hack job haircut and how upset I was. She agreed and said something to the effect of "yah... it's not that great." I LOVED that she said that!!! Most people would say it looked fine and it would drive me nuts because it was so obviously horrible. Connie's honesty, sense of humour and her laugh made her a joy to be around. I'm so glad I got to see her smile, hear her laugh and feel her warm hug one last time. I would drive by every night on my way home and see the garden patio lit up, the lights and the tv on and it always made me so happy to know that Dick and Connie were warm and cozy inside the beautiful home they created together. What a great team. I will miss you dearly Connie, and hope to see you again, somehow, someway. Love of love, Shan

February 25 at 12:53 PM

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Deborah Leah Rybak lit a candle in honor of Connie.

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February 25 at 6:18 AM





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Deborah Leah Rybak posted:

Dear Family and Friends, Connie was always a warm-hearted, friendly, fun, humourous, loving and bright family member to both Hazel and I. Very few people on this planet were as strong, with quiet confidence and as loving as Connie was. We thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to her and Dick's company on our visits together with family. Really enjoyed her company at both Monica's wedding and recently James' wedding. Connie's unwavering support with Dick to both James and Shelley is what true family is. Considerate, helpful, kind, gracious, funny, intelligent, and creative problem solvers. Connie's dress at James' and Shelley's wedding encapsulated her beautiful femininity, love and flare for life. She was always a dear friend to us. She cooked Mom an amazing, healthy meal on our last visit together at her and Dick's home; Mom spoke of this meal many times after. 😊 She was deeply loved by her passed mother in law, Min/Baba, and brought joy and inclusion to all us family. ❤️ We are deeply sorry for the pain of her sudden death to her mother, sisters, Dick, Donelda, James, Shelley and all family members and friends. Mom and I were in deep shock of her passing. Our hearts go out to Dick; Mom's first cousin and friend since childhood, for his loss - the love of his life. Our beloved Connie is now gracing the heavens with her unconditional love, ease and grace. We are all better humans for having the blessing of Connie in our lives. Let's continue to honor her life; by being warm, open, inclusive, conscientious, fun and loving like our dear Connie. You are deeply, deeply missed and in our hearts dear Connie. Thankyou for our time together. ❤️ 🙏❤️ 🙏💜 🙏👩👧👦 😊😊😊😊😊 All our love and healing, Deborah & Hazel Calgary, AB

February 25 at 6:17 AM



Donna & Mike Thorne lit a candle in honor of Connie.

There are no words to capture the depth of this loss. You were not just my best friend - you were my heart, my confidante, and a light in my life. Every single day, I miss you more than I can say. Your kindness, laughter, and love will stay with me always. I am so grateful for the many years that we had, but I ache for all the moments we will never share. Rest peacefully, my dear friend - you will never be forgotten. Donna



February 23 at 1:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Connie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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