



Adele Marianne Evans

October 26, 1955 - May 28, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Adele Evans Biedricki in Ocala, Florida, USA, on May 28, 2024, from Advanced Breast Cancer. Adele was 68 years old. Adele was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to Jennifer and Lucien Aquin. She was the middle child in a French Ukrainian family and grew up strong, independent, and feisty, just like she described her loving and devoted mom. She lived an extraordinary life, always wanting to learn languages and cultures, and experience others' traditions. Professionally, Adele was always overachieving, determined to succeed, and did it her way. She was one of the few female successful leaders for one of the McDonald's locations, but she later became an EMT and found her passion and calling in the fire industry. She retired as a Fire Service International Distributor, where she travelled around the world, fostering many wonderful, long-lasting friendships. In 1997, she hosted an exchange student, Ana Palomino, to learn Spanish and to share her Canadian traditions. Little did she know, Ana became the daughter she never had. Later, in the 90s, her work brought her to Ocala, Florida. She was determined

to become fluent in Spanish. So, she enrolled in a Spanish class, where she met Ed Biedricki, the love of her life. Adele and Ed had a wonderful life together. They continued to discover the world and travelled to their magical place – Ecuador as often as they could. Adele was kind, loving, and had a great sense of humor. She surrounded herself with many wonderful friends who became her family who were instrumental in honoring her wish to die in her home surrounded by the ones she loved. Adele also had a passion for running and participated in many marathons for cancer research. She enjoyed going for long power walks in the parks. She lived in the moment, always catching the best sunset, enjoying the sound of the owls from her backyard, listening to a great tune of Jazz and Blues, and having her favorite delicious eggplant casserole. Adele is predeceased by her parents, Jennifer (nee Rushton) and Lucien Aquin, and her husband, Edward Biedricki II. She is survived by her sister, Monique Aquin Graboski (Reg); her brother, Kenneth Aquin (Donna Isfeld); her daughter, Ana Palomino (Kevin Olesen); and her stepson, Eddie Biedricki (MaryAnn). She will be greatly missed by her nieces Morgan Makwich (Andrew Lolugheed) and Janel Aquin (Terance Diakow), and nephews Jason Aquin and Chris Isfeld, as well as her great-niece Everly Diakow, granddaughter Alexandra Olesen and grandson Dylan Little. Adele Evans Biedricki will always be remembered as a strong woman who lived and loved life to the

fullest.

Roberts Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral service at Roberts Funeral Home Downtown Ocala at

10 am on Saturday June 29, 2024 with service to follow at 11 am. Adele will be interred alongside her

husband, Edward, at Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida at a later date when family is able to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations to cancer research in memory of Adele would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

“ This was what was said in Winnipeg at a memorial service for family and friends.

Today we mark and remember the journey through life of Adele Marianne Evans Bideriecki . We are here surrounded by her family and many friends, all of whom have come to pay their respects and honour her memory. In a service such as this, we do a couple of things; one is we celebrate the life that was. We recognize the gift that Adele was to those who knew her, we remember that gifts come in all kinds of packages, some are more appealing than others yet all are gifts. We acknowledge the things that she did in her life and what she brought into the world. The other is to acknowledge the grief of her loved ones who are trying to find peace as they realize the magnitude of their loss. We want you to be part of the sharing of memories.

Here is my story. Though she was three years younger than me and three years older than Kenny, I remember spending hours with her playing in the yard, skating on the pond behind our home in SFX and exploring the forests and fields with our three neighbours year round.

Adele was a woman of faith.

And so begins the story of an incredible life filled with challenge, adventure, travel and finding love and joy in her marriage and life in Florida.

She was born in Winnipeg in 1955 and my memories of her come later when we moved to SFX after Ken was born. Our dad was building our home there and she started school there and went to high school in Elie Mb for a time. We were not wealthy but we had loving parents, and the necessities, and had a lot of freedom in the country. Our closest neighbors had one child for each of us and we were always outside, skating on the pond in winter or exploring the fields and forest during summer and fall, until supper would call us home. Adele and Yvonne have maintained that friendship for many years. It forged our independence and our sense of adventure. She

was also a sleep walker and when we lived in St Francois our dad often had to run up the driveway in the middle of the night, to turn her around to walk back toward the house. That driveway was crushed rock and she never felt a thing.

When Mom and dad moved north to Grand Rapids she was billeted with me in Winnipeg and went to Grant Park High School. She made life long friends there and one day decided to quit school and got a job at McDonald's which launched a long time career in various locations. I recall one night, fast asleep with her beside, to be rudely awakened as she shouted out, "One big mac!!"

Adele left McDonald's having become a manager, attending Hamburger University and learning a lot about business. She worked long hours and sometimes would have a shift 3 days long and finally decided to move on to another path. She was one of the few female successful leaders for McDonald's locations.

She chose to attend Red River College in Business Administration and began working in Winnipeg. She was selling the supplies used by Fireman and Emergency workers. She moved a while later to Thunder Bay and traveled to the towns and became an EMT and learned a great deal about fire fighting. Adele found work in Red Deer AB working for a company that sold Fire Trucks. She was working her way up in the company and one day met the Vice President of the US company that owned eOne and was transferred to Ocala Florida where she worked and lived until her death.

Monique Graboski - June 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM

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She was able to buy a home with a pool and hot tub and began to travel throughout the US and the Caribbean and Central America. She enjoyed the outdoors year round, and kept herself fit and fashionable. She and I shared a love of shoes and when she was in Brazil would buy beautiful leather pumps etc and I was the person who would trade my shoes that I had which she would love, and we'd swap from time to time.

As she traveled in the Americas, visiting the places where fire trucks were used she faced the challenge of the language barrier. She decided to learn Spanish and took classes. There were times when I was doing weddings with Spanish speaking brides or grooms and she would help me write and pronounce little bits I could use to help them understand the ceremonies. We often spent an hour on the phone working on them. One year Reg and I were staying near Miami in a condo and she came down to stay with us. We had spent the afternoon shopping but on our way back had a torrential downpour (a little like here lately) and instead of trying to find a restaurant to have to run from the car to the entrance, we chose to order in. We chose Chinese and soon after the doorbell rang and an older Chinese man, soaked to the knees was at the door. I could not understand him. Adele could because he was speaking Spanish! Listening to their conversation was the first time I heard her speak the language.

It wasn't long after, that she met her husband Ed Bidreicki in her Spanish classes and they became friends. She sold her house and moved in to his. Poor Ed had the love of his life as did she but she put her touch on the décor and gardens etc. We loved to visit them when we could and they came to visit us when she introduced him to the family. We loved him and were happy for her finding a man who was always by her side traveling and exploring the waterways in kayaks, or climbing to Machu Pichu when he proposed to her. I flew down to see the ring and was going to bring home a puppy and as Adele worked he took me to the dog shows and carried my purse as I shopped. Whenever we went anywhere he carried my purse. We became close friends from the start and it wasn't long after that they called and said they were coming to Winnipeg to be married. It was a privilege and a joy to be their officiant that day. She was so glamorous and happy and it was obvious that he was the right man for her, and became a wonderful member of our family.

Ed was the perfect partner, and was loyal and together, they enjoyed their travels and adventures. He remained a member of the Reserves having been in the military most of his life. She retired as a Fire Service International Distributor, where she traveled around the world, fostering many wonderful, long-lasting friendships.

When Adele first learned that she had cancer, he was at her side in every way. We were eternally grateful for his love and caring, until he suddenly passed in 2022 having taken a fall and never regaining consciousness. Adele had been in remission by then but while she sat in vigil by his side in the hospital, she got a call from her physician that the cancer was back. We were grateful for the friends of his and hers who were able to be there to support her as she fought the fight of her life. She never gave up but as these past two years went by, she went to specialists and facilities to find someone who could treat her and cure her. In January, her doctors told her that they had done all they could but that she was terminal. She was defiant and kept the fight and her life style of staying fit, eating healthy foods and planning for her demise.

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When she was sitting by Ed's bedside a man in a Green Beret, came to the room and told her that when Ed passed, the military would be looking after all of the funeral and burial arrangements not just for him for when the time came, for her as well. At his funeral, a colonel came to the podium and told her and all who were present, that Ed was a war hero. He didn't give much detail but said that 14 men were alive today because of him. He had never spoken about it to anyone. When Ken, Janel and I were there in January she took us to the Bushnell National Cemetery and we visited his grave.

True to their promise, she will be interred beside him along with 250,000 other members of passed military personnel. She will always be remembered as a strong woman who lived and loved life to the fullest,

It was her wish that donations to cancer research in memory of Adele would be appreciated.

I am going to invite members of the family and anyone who wants to share something about Adele.

I want to acknowledge our immediate family and friends who have pitched in to put this day together. On short notice this past week, everyone has played a role, including my brother Kenny and my sister in law Donna, and nieces & nephew, Morgan, my daughter and Ken's daughter Janel, and son Jason, and all friends, for their hard work and time in preparing the photo reel, the music and the food. Please join us for refreshments to follow immediately after the closing prayer.

In closing, Let us pray:

God, we thank you for your deep, immeasurable love. We thank you that your love covers us in its fullness, leading us homeward to our glorious rest above. Bless this assembly, precious Lord, and may you be honoured as we celebrate a life that glorified you. Bless those who have suffered this great loss, and may they find comfort in your arms of love. And now, dear Savior, may our loved one reach heaven's glories and see you face to face. Amen.

Monique Graboski - June 27, 2024 at 04:55 PM

DE

“ Short and sweet. Well, her too but I'm talking about the time I knew her. The story is too long but the impact great. I can say I was spirituality led to meet Adele. Passed? Yes... Into Eternity with the Lord.

Don Estes - May 31, 2024 at 11:34 AM

MF

“ From Team Adele; we were honored to have been her home care team to honor her wish to die at home. We celebrated her life and her spirit every day and we will cherish our memories. Special Thanks to Gentiva Hospice - Nurse Trina, Melanie who lifted our girls' spirits with love and attention, Chaplain Jim for his prayers and concern as well as Evergreen and the 24/7 caregivers who comprised Team Adele - it took a village. Fly high sweet girl - so glad you and Ed are together again. You are loved.

Melinda Freeman - May 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

MM

It was an honor to have met and take care of Adele in the short time I had with her, she definitely had my heart from the first day I met her and her beautiful smile and infectious laugh. I will miss her so much and glad she is flying high with her love. Thank you Adele for the privilege of knowing you the short time I had with you

Melanie Manley - May 30, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JV

*I had the most beautiful pleasure of being the home health aide and meeting Adele, from the very first day that I met her, and I was blessed to have 3 weeks with her, there was a smile on her face every time I walked in the door, she was so loved by so many people that were in her home, she always had a smile on her face every time I arrived in the morning and was able to spend the whole day with her, she loved to walk around the house all day non-stop except for when she was dancing which was a half a day walking, non stop lol.. there were so many people that loved her, she got the biggest kick out of Randy every time he would call her FaceTime he brought so much happiness in her life, she loved when he face timed her, she loved Anna so much, she talked about her nieces and nephews often.
Craig was so loving to her and saw to her every need, The neighbors and girls who came every day to visit her, Melodee, who called her her sweetheart every day.
We were all there the moment she opened her eyes stared right at Craig, the one that saw to her every need, as she took her last breath, than knowing he was there, she finally could let go as he stood over her,
She knew she would be with her husband Ed.
She will always be one of the most precious patients, I've ever known.
Rest in Peace, your with Ed now
I love you,
Judy, your home health aide.*

Judith VanKooten - May 30, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JV

Excuse me I meant to say Melinda I got the names confused although there was a Melody there too but Melinda was the one that always called her sweetheart and loved her so much

Judith VanKooten - May 30, 2024 at 09:21 PM

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*She is survived by her loyal sister Monique Aquin Graboski, who not only took her in when she moved into Winnipeg, and took such great care of her when she was in high-school. An opportunity she would have never had without her sister. And her younger brother Ken Aquin. Who's devotion to his big sister is absolutel, as much as his loss is profound.
We all will miss her
But those two the most*

Morgan Makwich - June 21, 2024 at 07:39 PM