



Felicity Margot Hanington

July 16, 1956–October 29, 2016

In Victoria, British Columbia, our dear wife, mother, sister, aunt, godmother and devoted friend Felicity Margot Hanington slipped away today after long years of spirited refusal to let cancer take her down. She was the youngest child of Rear Admiral Daniel Lionel Hanington and Margot Rita Wallace. Felicity lived in Halifax, Virginia Beach, Ottawa, Victoria & Texada Island.

At the of age sixty, alas, metastatic breast cancer ended her life. Grateful for the time she was given (longer than expected), she harboured no regrets about dying but for the pain it might cause her family. She is survived by her profoundly loved and respected husband Lawrence Carl Dawe, her talented daughter Charlotte Emily, her thinker and mimic of a son Mathew Lionel, her band of adored and adoring siblings Gillian, Mark & Brian, and a host of charming and devoted in-laws and cousins.

With her immediate family as her steadfast central focus, Felicity was known for kindness, practicality, and devotion to the welfare of those around her. Much revered for her trademark combination of grace and grit, she tackled the obstacles life threw at her with sensible disregard.

Long and productive careers in finance and publishing were among her great pleasures. With a love of the Navy inspired by a father she called *'the most darling man in the Canadian Navy'*, she served for many years as editor of Canada's naval newspaper, *Maritime Command Trident*, chief speech writer for Minister of National Defence Perrin Beatty and, until last month, as editor of *Lead & Line*, the regular newsletter of the Naval Association of Canada, Vancouver Island.

Only days before she passed away, Felicity declared that she had received so much love and kindness from her friends that she couldn't believe she had been *'this lucky in life'*. Endlessly grateful for the support she received from others, she gave back to her community for three happy years through *The Mustard Seed*, and lately with the *St Vincent de Paul Society*. She had intended to make community service the focus of her retirement years.

Not always a fan of the Old Testament, Felicity loved and lived by Micah 6:8 *"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* She worked hard to do all three.

Felicity's funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at St Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. In lieu of flowers, please send chocolate. (Just kidding; Felicity, who dictated most of this obituary five weeks ago, intended that her friends remember her with a smile.) She then insisted on one final line...

"Thanks to all for the truly fabulous journey."