

After a While

*After a while, you learn the subtle difference
Between holding a hand and chaining a soul,
And you learn that kisses aren't contracts
And presents aren't promises,
And you begin to accept your defeats
With your head up and your eyes open
With the grace of woman,
not the grief of a child,
And you learn to build all your roads on today
Because tomorrow's ground
is too uncertain for plans,
And futures have a way
of falling down in midflight.
After a while, you learn
That even sunshine burns if you get too much,
So you plant your own garden
and decorate your own soul,
Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.
And you learn that you really can endure...
That you really are strong,
And that you really do have worth.
And you learn and learn
With every goodbye, you learn.*

Veronica A. Shoffstall [1971]

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Joanne M. Keating

1946 - 2012

KEATING, JOANNE M. – 65, of Parrsboro, and formerly of Halifax passed away Friday [May 4, 2012] at South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Blanche (Travis) Keating. Joanne was a CNA and Operating Room Technician for many years having worked in hospitals at Antigonish, Halifax and Terrace, B.C. Upon her return to Nova Scotia, Joanne graduated with her BA and BEd from Mount Saint Vincent University. She taught in the Halifax school system for 19 years before retiring. She is survived by her brother, Pat Keating (Annette), Halifax; a niece, Julie Keating, Ottawa; cousins, Elizabeth Brownlow, Alleyene Murphy and Anne Marie Murphy. She also leaves behind her Parrsboro and Halifax friends with whom she shared many special moments during her lifetime. A special thanks to those friends who cared for her during her final weeks. Not to be forgotten was the wonderful care and professionalism shown to Joanne at both the Dr. Georges L. Dumont University Hospital Centre in Moncton and the South Cumberland Community Care Centre in Parrsboro. Joanne was well known and respected for her love of animals. In passing she was looking forward to joining Willow, Pearl, Aiden, and Miss Violet in a more peaceful place. She will be waiting for Harriett, Kiko, Tilley and many other pets she has left behind. Funeral service is being held 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday [May 8, 2012] at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Father Vernon Driscoll officiating. Reception will follow in the church hall. A graveside committal service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday [May 9, 2012] in Oakridge Memorial Gardens, Middle Sackville. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



All are invited to St. Brigid's Catholic Church Hall immediately following the funeral service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Entrance Hymn: *Be Not Afraid*

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Scripture Reading

Psalm: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Gospel

Reflection

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of the Gifts: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn: *Like a Shepherd*

Prayers of Commendation

Closing Hymn: *On Eagles Wings*

Postlude



The family would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Vernon Driscoll; organist, Joyce Murray and choir; the C.W.L. of St. Brigid's Church for providing the reception; friends and neighbours for their support and expressions of sympathy, and to all who are present today.