

In Memoriam - Bernadette MacDonald

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IN MEMORIAM

Bernadette MacDonald, QC, lawyer, Dalhousie Law School graduate and valued member of the Dalhousie alumni community, died on Feb. 18 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. She was 49.

Born in New Glasgow, NS, MacDonald was educated at Mount Saint Vincent Academy and Mount Saint Vincent University. After graduating from Dalhousie Law School in 1978, she worked in private practice in Calgary, Alta. Returning to her home province in 1981, she joined the Department of the Attorney General as an Assistant Prosecuting Officer. At the time of her death, MacDonald was a Senior Crown Counsel with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. She was greatly respected by members of the law enforcement community, who appreciated the skill and knowledge with which she argued cases.

MacDonald considered it an honour to serve her community, her alma mater, and her profession. She did all those things with energy, grace and style. As a lawyer, she served on many committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. As a Dalhousie alumna, her achievements were significant. She served on the Board of Governors of the university, was Past President of the Dalhousie Alumni Board of Directors and chaired numerous Dalhousie committees. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to Dalhousie life, she was awarded the A. Gordon Archibald Alumni of the Year Award in 1999.

MacDonald also served her community in other voluntary capacities. Because art and its appreciation was most dear to her, she volunteered as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. She also served on the Board of the Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), the Nova Scotia Art Bank Review Advisory Board and the Pier 21 Society. She was also a Life Member of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

In addition to her parents, Alan and Annemarie (Levesque)

MacDonald, she is survived by a sister, Marie-Paule, Waterloo, Ont. and, brothers, Alan , Toronto and Ronald Foley, Halifax.

Bernadette was considered a friend to many. Her vivacious personality, vibrant character and joie de vivre will be remembered fondly by those lucky enough to have known her.

A celebration of Bernadette MacDonald's life will be held today (Friday) at 2 p.m. in the Chapel, Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse on Bedford Highway. Burial will be in Antigonish at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, or to a charity of choice.