

Veronica Lois (Milton) WAGNER – Class of '63

June 17, 1946 - March 19, 2015

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Veronica Wagner (née Milton). Veronica, or Roni, as she was more affectionately known, was a kind, generous and unassuming person who made a significant impact on the lives of hundreds and even thousands of people. Veronica studied viola at McGill University, Montreal, the University of Washington, Seattle as well as with the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, and played with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra when she was only 14 years old. She played with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for 27 years and was the Vice President of the Musician's Union Local 145 in the early 90s.



During her performing career, Veronica recorded with some of the finest musicians and orchestras in the world, and along the way, as many musicians do, she began teaching. Her teaching career was as broad as her performing career. Roni taught at Kwantlen University, Argyle Secondary School and, most recently, the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. Roni's contribution to the music community in the Central Island was vast. She was one of the founding members of the Vancouver Island Symphony, and taught hundreds of students in individual and group lessons at the Conservatory. Roni's sons were the love of her life. She was a wonderful, caring mother who was supportive of their dreams and aspirations. She poured herself into her work as a mother, a teacher and a grandmother. She will be greatly missed by so many that she loved and who loved her equally, including her three sons, Nathan, Aaron and John and their wives, Kaylie Crotty and Emilie Raveneau-Sabardeil; as well as her grandchildren, Heidi, Enzo and Rocco. Roni had an incredible impact on the lives of those who knew her, worked with her and studied with her. Through those she loved and influenced, her music and spirit will live on. Funeral service will be held at Sands Funeral Chapel, 1 Newcastle Ave, Nanaimo on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, with viewing starting at 12:00pm, ceremony at 3:00pm, and reception to follow. Flowers gratefully declined. If so desired, donations can be made to the Veronica Wagner Scholarship Fund at Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. Please visit www.sandsfuneral.com/nanaimo to share condolences and memories online. Sands
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