

Frances was a force of nature. She will be missed.

Mary Kemmis  
Editor, Richmond Review

Great loss, she was an inspiration and a great friend.

Norma Fullerton

I was so saddened to hear about Frances - her impact will live on for her.

Michael McCoy

Frances Clark was my big mentor, and a big heart leader. I have practiced what I learned from her everyday. It is so sad to say good bye to her forever.

Viet Vu

It is truly sad to hear about the passing of such a remarkable leader. I am grateful for the time that I was able to get to know and work with Frances. I have always admired her strength, passion, and dedication to our community - and I know we will be deeply feeling this loss.

Eliana Chia, RCD Board

Our world has lost a great person.

Dina McInnes, RCD Staff

Although her real body is no longer with us, her spirit is like a living book whose brilliant fragments worth us to learn eternally.

With blessings,

Dora Lam, RCD Chinese Support Group

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## letters

# From sidewalks to ferries, Frances Clark made a difference



Richmond Centre for Disability founder Frances Clark died last week.

### Editor:

Every ferry trip announcement that pets are to remain on the car deck, except guidance dogs for the disabled, is a reminder of Frances Clark. That was her doing. Thirty years ago it was not so.

As a newly-elected MLA she asked my assistance in getting this exemption from BC Ferries. It has remained in place ever since.

In addition to this and her many other interventions for the disabled, as mentioned in your fine tribute, Frances also lobbied for wheelchair-friendly buildings and sidewalks that dip down at intersections. It is difficult to believe, but 30 years ago those were mostly novelties.

Her life exemplifies that one person can make a difference.

Nick Loenen  
Richmond

I am so saddened to know that Ms. Frances has passed away. I considered her a mentor for volunteers everywhere and she inspired so many with her dedication and concern for the rights of not only the disabled but for animals too.

Myrna Pawlick, WestJet

I had great respect for her as a person and colleague. She motivated many, including myself in recognizing the needs of those with disabilities.

Tracy Lakeman  
Tourism Richmond

I was deeply saddened to hear of Frances' passing away. She was a remarkable woman; of courage, strength and vision. I had the utmost respect for her and spoke of her often. I will miss her. My heartfelt condolences to all of you at Richmond Centre for Disabilities.  
Gabriele Lightfoot

Deeply sorry for the loss of Frances. She had a great personality about her.

Vanessa Mendoza

I was deeply saddened by the news... it is an unbearable loss for all of us. There is none to replace her, she was an amazing person. We mourn her sad demise. The contribution she made for RCD is remarkable and we will miss her every day.

Abu Hafizullah, RCD Board

She was truly a force of spirit and an inspiration.

Councillor Alexa Loo  
City of Richmond

My deepest sympathy, she's such a great and courageous lady.

Sarah Ho

Our sincere condolences to Frances's family and the many people who have relied on her support over many years. Frances was a 'difference maker' in our community and will be greatly missed.

Rob and Trudy Howard

Frances' contributions and inspirations to the communities of Richmond and Canada will always live on in our hearts. We thank you and miss you, Frances!

Dear Frances  
Was such a presence in our community. She will be greatly missed.  
Belinda Boyd

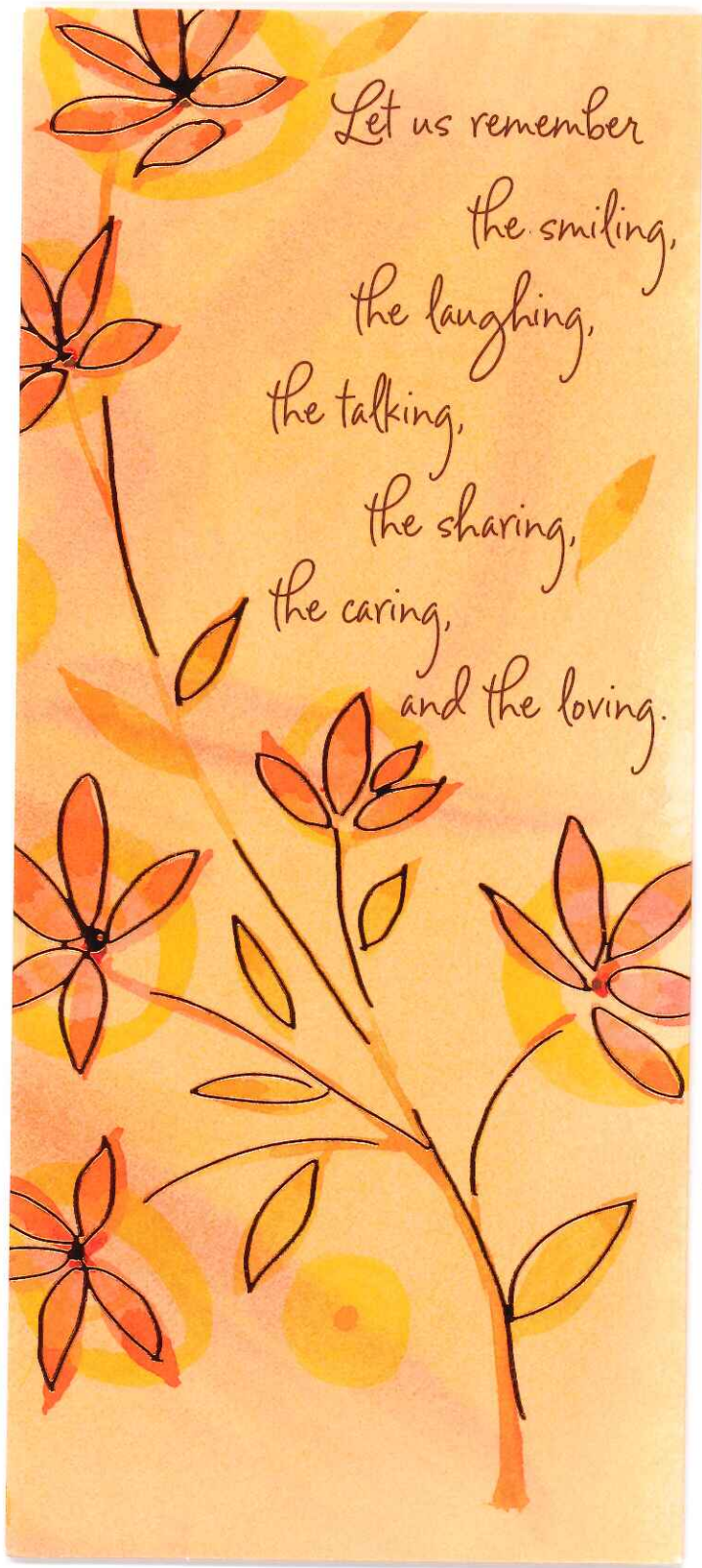
You were a kind boss and an amazing mentor Frances... I will never forget you!  
Louise

You're always in my heart and God bless you

Gary

Thank you work at the Rcd so many years.

Frances led an amazing life of inspiration, commitment and generosity. She has given so much to Richmond and we will miss her!



Let us remember  
the smiling,  
the laughing,  
the talking,  
the sharing,  
the caring,  
and the loving.