

Postillion Special Edition In Memory of Anneli Fielding



Anneli Fielding
May 10, 1926 - October 16, 2018



This is how we all remember Anneli: dancing, singing, laughing, surrounded by friends, witty and opinionated with her genuine Basler dialect, beautiful in her Appenzell Innerrhoden Sunday Tracht, homesick for Switzerland and active in the Swiss community for as long as we can think.



Here she is at her (and Ashley, the cat's) favorite place: her perfect garden. On our rides from here to the folklore group rehearsals (or to Helvetia WV) she talked about her granddaughter, Patti, caring and helpful neighbors Jeff Kaplan and Rob Timmins (whom she called her two adopted grandsons), Swissclub memories and gossip, music, dance, Ashley, the latest news, and also openly about my son's late best friend Brian and other cancer patients, but very rarely about herself. She did not want to bother anyone with details about her multiple cancers, the treatments often more painful than the lesions, multiple operations, the loss of her son and many members of her family, and other unfortunate events that she survived and most of us barely knew about.



On this recent picture she actually looks as vital and fresh as if she would make it to 150 herself. As a doctor I know too well that this could not happen, but that is how I keep the memory of her in my heart.

I wish the same strength for Patti who took care of her grandmother during a difficult and painful final time. Thanks also to all who visited and supported her. Anneli rests in peace; end of pain, end of struggle, no need to be brave any longer. Patti is the survivor now who needs our attention with more than thoughts and prayers. We'll email details about ceremonies, last wishes and what to do next here, as soon all is organized.

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