

A TRIBUTE

Elizabeth Sloss

5/09/1948 – 17/10/2019



From Gill Bowers

I am very sorry to have to report the death of my friend and colleague Elizabeth Sloss. Elizabeth worked at the University in the Institute of Aquaculture, the Department of Accountancy and Finance and the Department of Business Studies / Management.

I first met Elizabeth when she was appointed to the position of Departmental Secretary for the newly formed department of Business Studies in 1989. She worked in that department (managing to remember its numerous name changes) for the next 20 years. She retired as departmental administrator in 2009.

In retirement Elizabeth was able to spend time on her two main interests: art and gardening. Elizabeth followed a series of art courses at the life-long learning centre of the University of Strathclyde. She was particularly interested in water colour painting. She introduced me to art and we both attended the sketching class at the Smith Museum. Elizabeth's other passion was gardening and anyone who visited her garden was stunned by the creativity, colour and variety she was able to add to a small suburban garden. She occasionally participated in SURSA garden visits and Christmas walks. In addition, she found time to meet up with friends and former colleagues for walks and café and exhibition visits.

Elizabeth fell ill in the summer of 2018, the outlook was poor, she underwent intensive and arduous treatment in a clinical trial and by Christmas 2018 the disease was in remission. She gradually returned to health and was able to enjoy a full range of activities throughout this summer. When given a terminal diagnosis last month, she was extremely philosophical and was thankful for the extra time she had enjoyed. She met her great nephew, enjoyed a summer of family get-togethers, saw friends and felt like herself again.

She leaves husband Jim, sisters Margaret and Susie and numerous nephews and nieces.