



Mary Lou Tapson-Jones

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A true child of the Shuswap, Mary Lou Tapson-Jones lived her entire life in this area. Love of nature, passed on to her by her gardener/farmer parents, Alex and Louise Woods, gave her a remarkable knowledge of the Shuswap's flora and fauna. A wildflower that needed identification or an unusual bird sighting... "call Mary Lou, she'll know" people would state. And she usually did! In fact, Mary Lou wrote and published a guidebook called "Perilous Charmers - Poisonous Plants of the Pacific Northwest."

Living on a farm, isolated by miles of open water, meant Mary Lou and her two brothers had to be home-schooled through correspondence. Her parents' knowledge of nature, literature and music remained with her throughout her life and a delight in her last few months was attending the Salmar Classic with friends to hear and see live opera from the Met.

As James Murray stated in his column, "...she was someone I came to respect-- I suppose in part because of her knowledge, but more so, I think because of her willingness to share that knowledge. I cannot help but wonder how many people's lives were affected in some way by that grey-haired gardener-botanist-writer-photographer-historian."

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in memoriam

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