

Bubby Suey

There are Bubby's and then there's Bubby Suey. The bubbly of all bubbly's.

Always there. Always full of life. Vibrant. Independent. A true lover of life.

Although I knew this day would come, it is really hard to fathom given how steady of force she was.

Showing up to my first Den event at 87 and doing yoga in the park to support her grandson.

Swimming in the lake with us every summer at the cottage.

The last person to leave every wedding.

She was a true badass bubbly.

Not only did she show up, but she took great pride in being a grandmother. Wanting to know every little detail of what was happening in my life. Following my business on instagram. Checking the box scores so she could talk sports with me.

She was dialled in.

I had the privilege of staying with Bubby Suey in Florida every winter. Just me and Bubby. I'd wake up in the mornings and there she was on the living room couch ready to jump up to make me breakfast and dive into our early morning chats.

I always cherished those conversations as I didn't have to say much. I would just prompt her with a few questions and let her take care of the rest. She was the ultimate conversationalist.

At times I'd get irritated by the prolonged small talk but in her final days I found a new level of appreciation.

She didn't always like to go deep and that was okay because I knew our bond went beyond deepness. It was about being together and engaging. Whether it was talking about a leak in the roof or what my cousins Jared and Marlee we're up to, she would talk about anything to avoid silence.

I think she had trouble with silence because she was so desperate to show you that she was there and that she loved you.

Even in her final days, out of breath she made the effort to talk and stay connected.

I feel blessed and grateful that she met my girlfriend Avery in her final days. Singing along to Frank Sinatra and tapping her feet despite facing significant health challenges.

She didn't want to leave this world because she loved every aspect of life. Being around family, seeing her offspring evolve and just being involved in it all.

Always engaged to the very end.

Thank you for showing us how to live with dignity, grace and vibrancy.

Your spirit will live on with us forever.