

## ABBY SCHWARZ

July 25, 1941 - September 19, 2024

Abby was a Langara faculty member in the Biology Department from 1992 until her retirement in 2006. With her Ph.D. in marine biology, Abby studied fish behaviour in the field, as a scuba diver, and was a co-founder of the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology. In her retirement Abby volunteered with the "North Shore Streamkeepers" and other environmental organizations.



Abby was a passionate and fierce environmentalist and a human rights activist. She was one of the original contributors to *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, a revolutionary and empowering feminist book from the 1970s, about women's health and choices.

Abby was also a very good and passionate musician. As a faculty member, Abby was a frequent vocal performer in the original Langara Galas. In retirement, she became very active as part of a vast music community, which included City Soul Choir, Rhythm 'n' Roots Choir, the Acapellaboratory Community Choir, SongRoots camps, Swing Camp, Georgia Straight Music Camps, folk song circles, songwriters groups, etc. A prolific singer/songwriter (playing piano and guitar), Abby shared her compositions wherever she could.

Abby's health deteriorated during the past year and she had spent her last months at Mount St. Joseph Hospital, where her husband, Rob Hunt, visited her daily. Abby tested positive for Covid on September 10th and died 9 days later. She will be deeply missed by so many.