## Wendy Bowen Memorial Fund

In late 2021, the Fuller Lake Shooters women's rec hockey team lost a long-time friend and teammate, Wendy Bowen, to cancer. Wendy was an avid and accomplished hockey player for most of her life and she was passionate about growing the female hockey community within the Cowichan Valley.

As a young girl in Ontario in the 1970s, Wendy had to cut her hair short and register as a boy under her middle name (Dale) so she could play. Eventually, her father founded the first girl's team in Peterborough. While access to teams and opportunities to play have increased over the years, it has still taken a long time for girls' programs across the country to take root and develop. Wendy was always hopeful that more girls would play the game and worked hard to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment for both women and girls on the Shooters.

In Wendy's memory, and in the spirit of growth within the Valley's female hockey family, the Shooters have raised funds to register a girl in minor hockey for the 2022-23 season and will continue to do so each year going forward.

Please contact Cowichan Valley Minor Hockey Association for more details or to apply for consideration.

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In memory of Wendy Bowen (April 4, 1967 - November 15, 2021)

