



**In memory of Joan Symington,
a treasured long standing mentor**

"It is never too late to be what you might have been" George Eliot

*You were courageously steadfast in the face of your ongoing suffering
in the last few years of your life*

*Humbly embracing the inevitability of what lay ahead each day, week,
month - with acceptance and an attitude of dignity.*

*I will remember you always as a deeply honest, decent person, true to
yourself and to others, always direct and measured.*

*You abhorred arrogance and welcomed sincerity. You appreciated the
ordinary - your children, grand children and Neville. Yet you were
extraordinary.*

*How independent minded you were. Steady, solid , and amazingly
open to different perspectives .*

*I will remember you by the import you placed on intuition, and how
you used it yourself till the very end.*

*I will miss the visits, chats - sometimes frivolous, or serious, your
profound words of wisdom, advice, and your sense of humour!*

*In life, someone might influence the path of one's future. You Joan
were that someone in my life.*

*I thank you for allowing me to see you as you were - no frills, no
pretenses... warm and strong in heart, frail in body.*

Rest In Peace dear Joan - friend, mentor, confidant.

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