



Char in Nette Johnson's shop, planning a basket project.  
— Photo by Susan Applegate, 25 June 2014.



Char playing her fiddle, 23 July 2011.

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Dear Friends and Family,

It is with great sadness that I must say that my good and dear Charolette died on 19 December 2014 after an extended battle with cancer. Last year I reported on her diagnosis in August and chemotherapy and radiation treatments through the fall. A CT scan in January showed that cancer had metastasized to her liver. Renewed chemo showed good success and, while not cancer free, she was in remission by June.

By July she had recovered enough to fly to Orcas Island, WA, with all three daughters to visit her two sisters and other relatives. She also started a new crafts project: basket making. She had completed five beautiful baskets and was almost done with a sixth when, on 2 November, she collapsed from a cerebral hemorrhage and was rushed to the hospital. We thought she had suffered another stroke but learned that cancer had invaded her brain and, soon after, her central nervous system. I brought her home from the hospital just before Thanksgiving and she died peacefully, three days past her 79<sup>TH</sup> birthday with family and friends by her side. Her obituary is available on line at:

[http://www.therecorderonline.com/news/2014-12-18/Obituaries/CHAR\\_SWEET.html](http://www.therecorderonline.com/news/2014-12-18/Obituaries/CHAR_SWEET.html)

More info will be available on our web site as soon as I have time to deal with it:

<http://johnrsweet.com/personal/>

In other news, briefly, in January I bought a Model A Ford pickup, which is currently in the shop undergoing some essential repairs. In May

our crew from Virginia Frame Builders rebuilt and much improved our old equipment shed.. Over the summer Chris and I built a stone retaining wall along the drainage swale below the warehouse. I hope to have some photos and more to say about these things on our web site if I ever get caught up with events.

With best wishes to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".