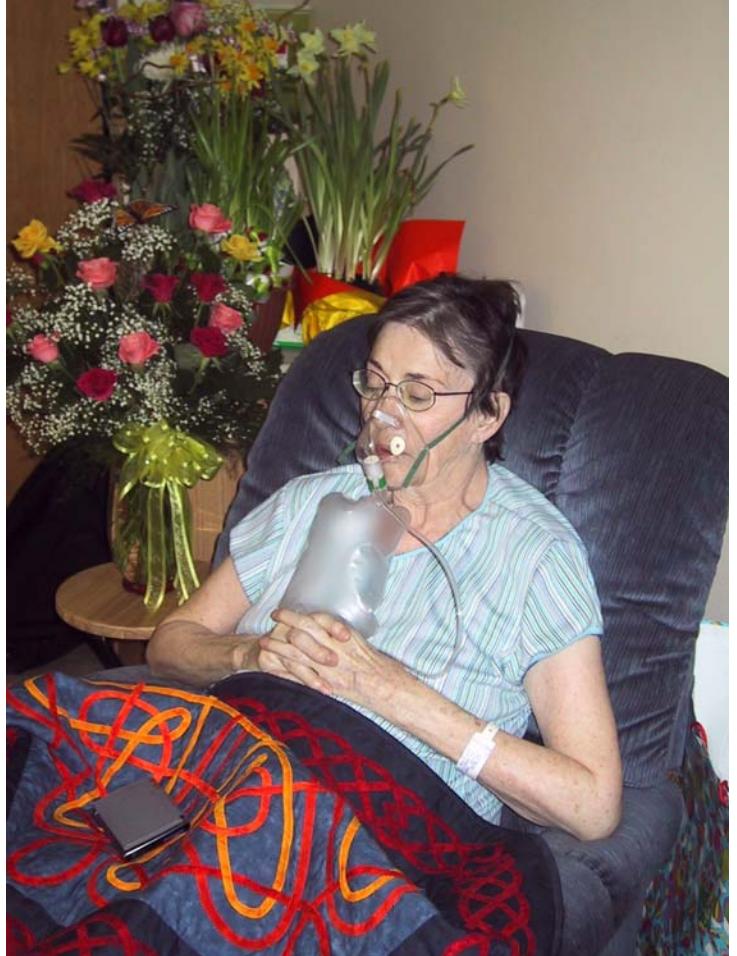




Annabel...and others...on hospital life

- *Tossing back hated oral medication.* Ugh! ... Here's to ya!
- *Leslie to a hypothetical smoker on the hospital deck.* We have open oxygen.... I recommend you smoke that somewhere else!
- Annabel.* I don't recommend you smoke it at all.
- *On using a walker.* It went faster when we took the brakes off.
- *Annabel in reply to.* Hi there! How are ya?
Terrible, thanks
- *Annabel to Dr. Bushby.* We should take advantage of this glorious morning to give me an enema.
- *Frank Roy encouraging Annabel to get some exercise.* People climb Everest with oxygen tanks strapped to their backs.
- *Leslie re. two nighties and two pyjamas bought in Ottawa.* 'They seem to cover all needs.'

Annabel. and all places.



More on Hospital Life

▪ *Andrea to Annabel.* I better put your oxygen (mask) back on while I think of it.
Annabel. Good idea.... Maybe my brain will work better.

▪ *Annabel to Eric the nurse, refusing the red laxative pill (hard to swallow).* Whatever they are doing now seems to be working, so I won't blow up.

Eric. So we won't waste her time by bringing it to her.

Annabel. But you will make me annoyed by bringing it to me"

▪ *Eric delivering medicine.* ...and that is your dilaudid. *Annabel.* My favourite!

▪ *Hugh, on the freshly washed floor.* The floor is kinda wet.

Annabel. Is that why you are walking back and forth on it?

▪ *Andrea, while consuming Annabel's uneaten dessert.* "Don't look at me. ... I stole a plate"

Annabel. You didn't run far.

▪ *Nurse.* Is your pain under control?"

Annabel. Yes, but I'm not sure about this Chinese food.

▪ *Andrea.* They should be bringing you some delicious supper soon.

Annabel. moan ... groan

Andrea. You don't need to feel obligated to eat any of it, you know!

Annabel. I don't.... *I am empowered!*





Annabel & Hugh

- *Annabel:* On important things I have faith in you..... Some things, like messing up keys, I wonder'
- *Hugh:* You continue to amaze me!"
Annabel: Should have paid attention earlier ...Ahhh well... It would have worn off ... after the peak!"
- *Hugh:* I'm remembering everything you said and hope it's all still in my mind when I get there!"
Annabel: 'Run fast.'
- *Annabel re. Hugh at home alone:* You'll get swamped and you'll never get out!
Hugh: I don't know about that! *Annabel:* I'm telling ya!!
- *Hugh:* I know how to dust. *Annabel:* Do you now?
- *Hugh, discussing where Annabel's ashes might be placed at the house....*
I'm going to fix up that spot by the fireplace...with candles.
Annabel: You be careful.
- *Annabel to Hugh as he leaves for supper...* Goodbye.... Do come again.
- *Annabel to Hugh...* Oh come on! I can still make fun of you. You can take it!



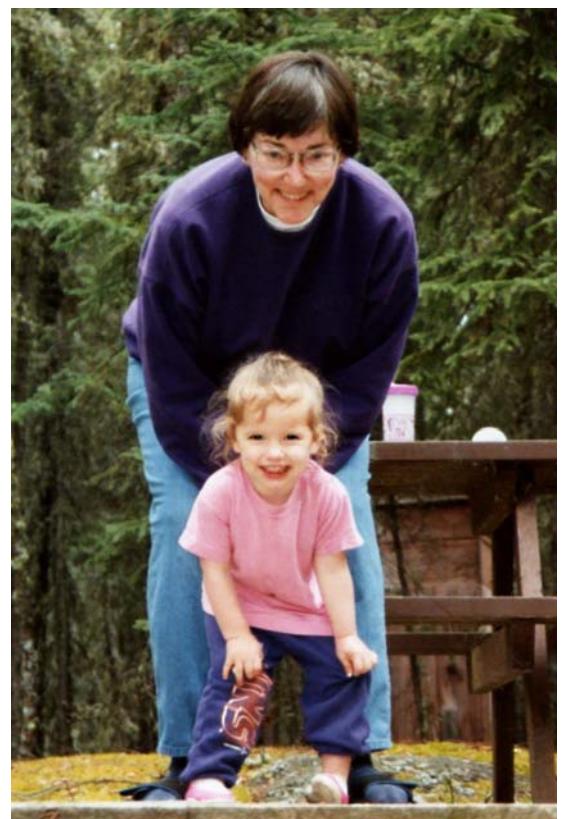
Annabel with her Grandchildren



- *Eva (age 2 3/4) watching mist pour from Annabel's medicine mask.
Nana's HOT!*

- *Lauren (age 11) to Annabel:
Why are you so reluctant to have your finger
put in a finger trap?*

- *Annabel to Eva:
Grampsy's going to sing if you don't hurry!*



The Existential Annabel

...on Living and Dying

- *When asked if she cried:* I don't weep buckets but sometimes there's a leak.
- *On fate:* If not me, then who.
- *In response to a student's comment that Annabel had enriched her life:* My life has been remarkably enriched by the students.
- *On her memorials:* Don't go overboard or elevate, glamorize, or venerate ...
- *Annabel:* This reminds me of when people lie in state..... I'm not far off that am I?!

Leslie: ... and you can enjoy it.

- *Annabel to Hugh, while listening to Bizet's opera "The Pearl Fishers":*
Should I be reincarnated, I shall endeavour to sing and you shall not laugh at me!

- *Andrea to Annabel:* I still owe you \$20.

Leslie: That's unfinished business. She'll have to haunt you.

Annabel to Leslie: You stole my curly willow!

Leslie: No I didn't. You gave it to me ... and I asked if you wanted it back.

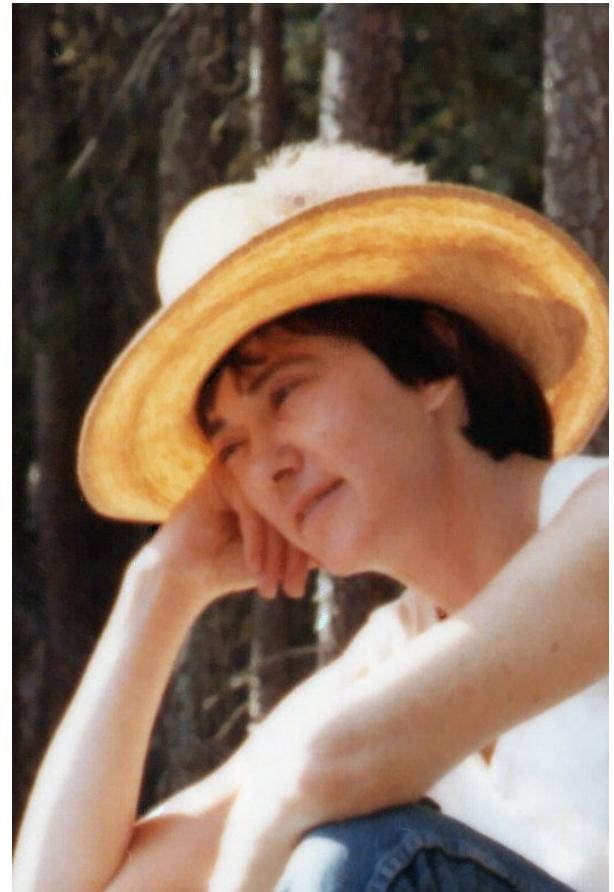
Annabel to Leslie: You did?

Leslie: You're just looking for something to haunt me about.

- *Annabel to Winona on the phone: When Marge Eagle died...*

Leslie to Andrea: There will be a helluva party going on in the Hereafter with Marge Eagle there!

Andrea to Leslie: Yeah! She'll be way to busy to haunt us!"



More Existential Annabel

▪ *Annabel*. A friend on the urn & companion cloth.

That's who Annabel is!

Annabel.

Sometimes I forget, myself."

▪ *Andrea to Hugh.* What's in the box?

Oh ... Your new painting has arrived.

Hugh. Don't get her excited.

Annabel. Why not?

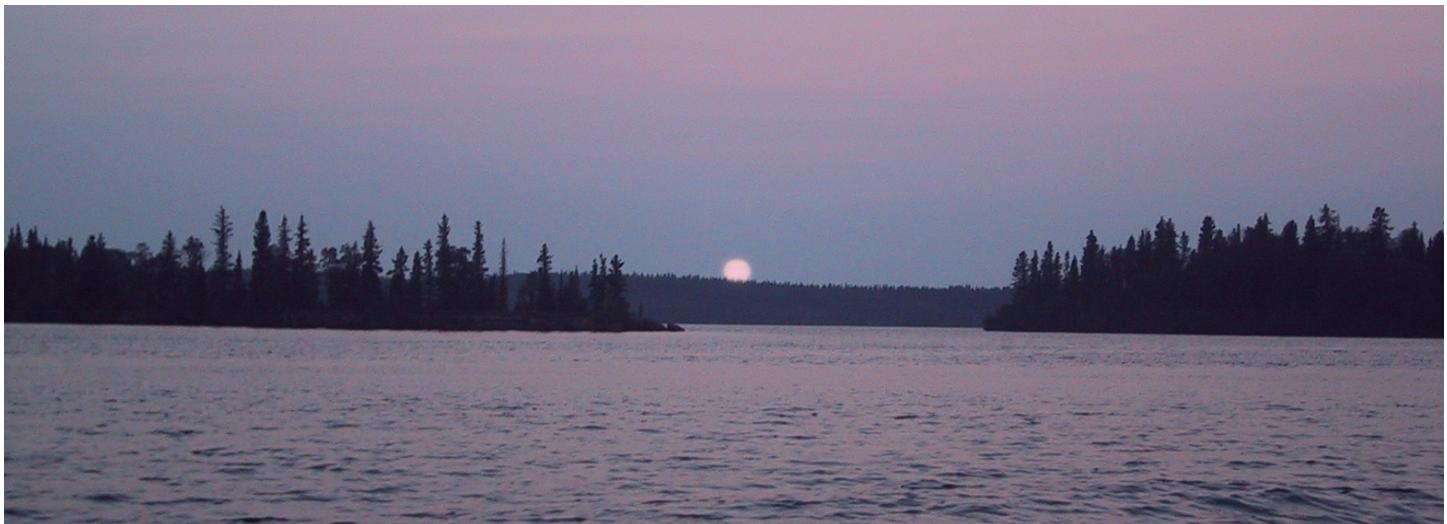
▪ *Annabel.* It's Sunday?

Hugh. Yes, they are all at Church.

Annabel (soft chuckle). Praying for me.

▪ *Annabel.* Notice the ministers haven't been rushing in to tame my soul.

▪ *Annabel.* I'm lying here expiring and I feel blessed....



Annabel on Family Life

- *Annabel to Andrea offering a replacement for a broken pie plate.* I have a nice pie dish.....a 'Brown Betty'.... sort of antiquish"

Andrea. What if Dad wants to make a pie?"

Annabel. He'd use a smaller dish.

- *Hugh to Mike explaining age differences.*

You weren't unplanned like some with that age difference (i.e. Annabel).....your mother says so.

Hugh. I was outnumbered....out-planned actually.

Annabel to Hugh. It's not as if you were unwilling.

- *Annabel to Hugh (with tears).* I wish we had helped our parents more.

Hugh. We have been blessed.

Annabel. I know. That is what brought it on.

- *Hugh commenting on a fish-shaped pillow.* That fish looks like a flounder.

Annabel. I feel like a flounder.



- *Hugh.* This camera is getting more eccentric all the time.

Annabel. So is my body.

- *Hugh.* You raised a lot of bossy children.

Annabel. It's a good thing!



More on Hospital Life

- *Hugh (after switching to the big oxygen tank on the deck):* There you are.... Good for the duration.
Annabel: Duration of what?
- *Annabel to Mike as he changed her oxygen delivery system:* Make sure you have the end attached to me.
- *Leslie:* Remember to breathe with your mask between (taking) pills.
Hugh: Breathing's good.
Annabel: So they tell me.
- *Andrea to Annabel offering to push the extra dose button:* Is your breathing okay?
Annabel: If my breathing was okay I wouldn't be here!
Andrea: Do you want me to push the button or not?
- *Annabel to Nurse Guy:* I drank my pink stuff. I don't care what you do to me now.
- *Hugh as Mom began a vaporizer treatment:*
I'll take you now and we'll let Mother vaporize.
Annabel: If I'm not here when you get back...
- *Annabel counting knitting stitches:* What is sixty divided by five?
Mike: Twelve inches.
Frank Roy: Can you count to twelve?
Annabel: I could before they started giving me this stuff.
- *Andrea reading the dinner menu:* Hey! They've got pea soup! That's P-E-A soup.

