

## Memories of Terrie Milliman

Most people in our fandom knew Terrie Milliman as a gifted artist whose amazing drawings brought our beloved characters to life. That's certainly true, but there was much more to her than that. Terrie was involved with BatB fandom almost from the beginning, and much of what she contributed helped form the foundation of the amazing community we still enjoy after more than thirty years.

Terrie was an active member of a local group in Michigan, and she was one of the four Founding Mothers of CABB (The Classic Alliance of Beauty and the Beast). When communication in fandom transitioned from paper publications to the internet, Terrie was the one who led CABB into that new online world, keeping it alive and enabling it to grow and continue to thrive even now.

I met Terrie through mutual friends early in my own fandom involvement. Her enthusiasm, artistic talent, love for the show, and dedication were inspiring and helped spur my interest in becoming part of this amazing community. She created beautiful illustrations for my early zines, and for those of many other writers, and later for all our CABB publications. When back in the pre-internet days, we (Terrie, Teri P, Peg M, and I) decided to form a group dedicated to providing a safe haven for Classic fans, we enjoyed hours and hours of phone calls filled with laughter, brainstorming, and creative planning. Terrie had a great, quick-witted sense of humor, and she was always full of energy and imagination.

Terrie's wonderful contributions also involved CABB's charity auctions. As part of one of our auctions, she drew lovely individual portraits of each character. For another, we auctioned t-shirts that had been signed by nearly every celebrity involved with BatB. Terrie hand-painted each one with a beautiful design of roses and crystals. We all had so much fun coming up with quotations which Terrie wrote on the shirts. Each began with "Catherine lives..." and was followed with a line pertinent to each character, along with the signature of the actor or writer or director, et al. The beauty of Terrie's design definitely helped us raise a significant contribution to our charity that year, The Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Terrie's creative talents extended beyond her drawing expertise. She always claimed she couldn't write fanfic, but she certainly excelled at coming up with wonderfully humorous cartoons for our CABB publications and collaborating on a few tongue-in-cheek poems as well. Her warren of plot bunnies was always filled to overflowing. I can still hear her saying, "But what if they..."

Terrie's enthusiasm, commitment, and love for BatB ran deep and was an important part of her life for many years. She left us with gifts we will forever treasure. Rest in peace, Terrie, and know that you will be remembered always by your tunnel friends.

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