



# HOTEL GUEST MENU

Monday to Friday 7 AM – 11 AM • Saturday & Sunday 7 AM – 1 PM



Please be so kind as to review the inn and café separately

Please choose one breakfast item or two sides, plus a small beverage (large beverage, add \$2)

## TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST

### Chase's Breakfast

One egg any style, hash browns, choice of 2 bacon, ½ ham or 2 sausage patties, choice of bread

### The Leo

Two eggs any style, hash browns, choice of 3 bacon, 1 ham or 3 sausage patties, choice of bread

## EGGS BENEDICT

### Edie Rae's Bene

Two poached eggs, fresh biscuit, back bacon, Hollandaise, hash browns

### Powell Riviera Bene

Two poached eggs, fresh biscuit, avocado, fried tomato, Hollandaise, hash browns

## BREAKFAST SANDWICHES

### BOMB Squad Sandwich

Fresh biscuit, fried egg, cheese, choice of bacon, ham or sausage patty, hash browns

## PANCAKES & FRENCH TOAST

### Kelly's Cakes

Two large buttermilk pancakes, syrup, butter

### Lil Leo's Cakes

Four small buttermilk pancakes, syrup, butter

### Jenny's Cakes for Kids

One large buttermilk pancake, choice of 1: M&Ms, peanut butter chips, banana, blueberries, baked in pancake. Add \$0.50 per extra item

### JP's French Toast

Two Texas toast dipped in cinnamon egg mix, syrup, butter

### Kids' French Toast

One Texas toast dipped in cinnamon egg mix, syrup, butter

## HEALTHY CHOICE

### Raging Grannies' Granola Yogurt

With your choice of 2 fruit: banana, strawberry, blueberry, blackberry. Add \$0.50 per extra item

### Gigi's Smoothie

Choice of juice and 2 fruit: banana, strawberry, blueberry, blackberry. Add yogurt, fruit, flax seed and/or protein powder add \$0.50 per item

### Linda's Steel-cut Oats

With cream, brown sugar, choice of bread

## SIDES

Hollandaise

Hollandaise with mushrooms

Toast, 2 slices (gluten-free available)

Hash browns

Tomatoes, fresh or grilled

Bacon, 3 strips

Ham, 2 slices

Sausage, 3 patties

Back bacon, 3 slices

English bangers, 2 links

Smoked salmon

One egg, any style

Biscuit

Herbed cream cheese

Home-style baked beans

## BEVERAGES

Juice • large or small

Milk • large or small

Chocolate milk • large or small

Coffee, Tea

Hot chocolate

with a dollop of whipped cream

Please feel free to choose your breakfast from our public menu at 50% discount

Gratuities are graciously accepted

## LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT EDIE RAE...

It's hard to write in words the feelings and emotions tied to the relationship between my Mom and me. She was my best friend and confidant through all my ups and downs and sideways mistakes that I made over and over again until I learned and tried a new path. In my heart she is never far away.

She was so loving and caring to others and strangers intrigued her — she always said that everyone had a story and even a new employee could teach the boss a thing or two....

Edie Rae never lived outside of Powell River, but she soulfully soaked up her extensive travels around most of North America and drew from outside of Powell River to shape her mind and opinions in her life here in town. Her varied jobs: paper girl, bowling pin setter, telephone operator, waitress and store owner polished her people skills and she definitely had the gift of the gab.

She and I would garage sale, when I was a youngster, then sell our polished up items on red silk sheets for 4 times the price to make spending money. We were always in conversation with buyers and sellers alike. Surviving four counts and 35+ years of cancer enabled Edie Rae to live her life without judgement, hatred or callousness.

She was an avid curler in her day and became a swimming, multi-medal winner in the BC Senior Olympics in her later years. She loved Bingo, her pets, playing Scrabble and *The Young & The Restless*. Her favourite drink was Gin & Tonic; she enjoyed watching tennis — "Go Nadal" and her favourite singers were Neil Diamond, Tom Jones and Koko Taylor.

On the walls are photos taken at local beaches and in her family home by Frank Dixon, a mill-worker and avid photographer, a few months before her 15th birthday in July 1953. Edie Rae Olson was working in The Powell Stores, next to The Old



Courthouse Inn, as a waitress at the lunch counter, when he approached her to model for him.

Literally, she was a tomboy, not aware of her timeless Hollywood glamour. The photoshoot was done and the photos were put in a box.

A year later, my Dad, Leo Brosseau, moved to town, living across the street from The Powell Stores in the Walnut Lodge and working in the mill. He would go to the lunch counter often and that is where he met Edie Rae, his waitress, nervously telling the suave French man the daily special. He was five years older, but she knew he was a keeper.

They married in 1956, had four children: Yvonne, Dennis, Raymond and (JP) Jean-Paul, and lived in the same home at 5702 Nelson Avenue in Cranberry for almost 50 years.

Edie Rae passed away on St Patrick's Day, 2015, while Canadian music legend Burton Cummings

played a concert at The Evergreen Theatre through the woods at The PR Recreation Complex, his first here in over 30 years. I'd like to think he serenaded her to the next adventure; her energy whisking high over the coastal mountains to some point beyond our realm of understanding yet. Her signature drink (Gin & Tonic) is part of the café's signature drink — The Connie Sour — but with lime sorbet with fresh basil pureed into it, making it green; thus we will drink it every St Patrick's Day in her honour, and gladly so!

The café Kelly and I created in her honour was enjoyed immensely by her when her health was good — we definitely had memorable parties! For the first year or so Edie Rae's eyes would well up as she'd enter and everyone would clap, until she got used to being a local icon, smiling graciously while chatting to strangers like old friends.

Now, she has touched thousands of people all over the world, via the café and the inn, and the internet is filled with many experiences and stories.

Even with her passing, her images, the ambiance of the café and the amazing food will continue to allow people to relax, either reminiscing about "the olden days" of their youth or get younger people to feel a glimpse of a bygone era. Their stories about Edie Rae and the café will be told. I believe the best are yet to be written.

JP Brosseau