



# Kindness

## My Tribute to Cilla

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This little statue made her complete circle recently. She truly symbolizes what she is named; “Kindness”.

I purchased her years ago for a dear friend who was in the hospital. My friend was big into cat rescue and I thought of her when I saw this tiny statue. My friend made her transition shortly after her hospital stay leaving behind some cats she had rescued over the years. I was fortunate enough to find homes for them and I appreciate all of those people who became their loving homes. There was one cat left, a dignified queenly old lady cat. She had a severe heart murmur and was in need of some serious dental work. She also had been one of Rosie’s favorite cats.

I felt Cilla, as we came to call her, would not have many years left and I didn’t want to ask someone to adopt a sickly cat, so we decided she’d live out her life with us. Those few years turned into seven. Cilla was a stereotypical queen kitty. She ruled with her dirty looks and was quick to command those around her. She was also an extraordinarily nurturing Momma cat to our orange tabby when he came as a kitten. Cilla provided an energy of graceful power and a sense of decorum I miss.

Just two weeks ago we found ourselves releasing her back to spirit and back to her beloved Rosie. That night I called out to my friend, Rosie. “I hope you are back together. Rosie, thank you for sharing her with us.” I saw an image of Cilla walking towards Rosie’s outstretched arms and a glowing smile across her face. Once Rosie picked her up I could hear the familiar loud purr. Then ever so gently with Cilla cradled against her chest, Rosie bent over and kissed me lightly on the forehead. “Thank you for taking care of her sweetheart.”

I always wondered why when Rosie made her transition and I was asked if I wanted the little statue back, I said yes. Someone else had asked me if they could have her, but I just felt I had to take her back. Seven years later she sits in my kitchen window representing kindness shared among three friends.