

## THE FORGOTTEN CHAIR

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Twenty years ago, my good friend Liz needed to move near her son in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Liz needed money and she needed to unload furniture. Ironically, Liz lived at Windsor Gardens and she was in the Windsor Gardens Writers Group. Anyway, I wanted to help, so I bought an old blue recliner from her.

My husband instantly hated the chair, but somehow I had a great fondness for the chair. I have a long torso with short legs, so the chair fit my body perfectly. However, the chair did not fit in our newly established 4-level home. So, the old blue chair was relocated to the basement. The funny thing is, even after we finished the basement, we rarely entered our basement. So, the old blue chair sat in the corner of our basement unused for another decade.

Then, *eureka!* We decided to downsize, sell our home, and move to our condo at Windsor Gardens. My husband decided to sell or give away most of our current furniture. He wanted to start fresh with new furniture in our condo at Windsor Gardens. Then we ran across the old forgotten blue chair in the darkest corner of our basement. My husband pleaded with me to donate the chair to ARC. After all, who else would want that old weathered chair, he asked me.

My good friend Liz had passed away years prior to our move. I realized that this recliner was the only keepsake that I had left of her. I sat in that old blue chair one last time ... or so I thought.

Now this old blue chair is in a bright corner of the spare bedroom in our condo. There is a tall light stand which illuminates the chair. This blue chair has become my perch. It has now become my favorite chair in which I read about other people's lives and adventures. It is ironic that this old blue chair has found its home back at Windsor Gardens. Would one call that fate?

This chair might have been forgotten for a time, but my memories of Liz and our friendship remain fresh amidst the rocking of this old blue chair. Thanks for the memories, Liz, and for this old blue chair!