



DONNA WHITFORD

March 21, 1963 - November 5, 2020

On November 5, 2020, the world lost a kind and compassionate soul. Her short 2 year battle with cancer did not stop her from being cheerful, patient and giving the best hugs.

Donna arrived in Yellowknife in October 1984 for a short stay which lasted 36 years. Her 35-year career started with the WCB (now WSCC) and then with the GNWT Human Resources. In 2018, she retired and started a new career with WestJet, with dreams of traveling the world. She volunteered/fundraised tirelessly for those with cancer, NWTSPCA and Meals on Wheels (among others). Her passion for dance led her to teach jazz and Zumba.

For Donna, family always came first. She is survived by her husband Ian, and children, Michael and Alexandra. She is lovingly remembered by her parents, Ben and Lois Wong (Regina, SK), her sisters and their families: Mabel Wong Tam (Yellowknife), Joanne Petersson (Whitehorse) and Leanna Glaser (Calgary), father-in-law, Tony Whitford (Yellowknife), and brothers-in-law and their families: Warren (Surrey, BC) and Blair (Calgary) and Andy Luk (Vancouver). She is predeceased by her sister, Marion Wong Luk. Twelve nieces and nephews will forever miss their Auntie Donna.

We are grateful to our extended Whitford/Wong family and Donna's wide circle of colleagues and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement.

Please join us for a Candlelight Celebration of Life on December 5th at Somba K'e Civic Plaza – come and go between 4:00PM to 7:00 PM. Please bring an ice lantern to light. There will be extra lanterns.

Please consider donating to Donna's Legacy Project with Compassion House in Edmonton which provides a safe haven for women during their cancer treatment (compassionhouse.org).

Loved ever after.