

# Candace Grimm

It is with profound sorrow that we share the passing of Candy (Candace Jane) Grimm after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 63 years. A proud Yellowknifer for 34 years; the Northern Lights will surely shine less brightly without her.

Candy was born in Russell, Manitoba to John and Dora Choropita and was a curious child, interested in helping others even as a youngster. She enjoyed spending time with family, particularly her nieces and nephews: from babysitting to taking them to Russell Rams games and helping with makeup.

She developed a love of 80s music and a keen intuition about people early on, traits that remained with her throughout her life. She was also known for her sense of humour and her ability to tell a good story, enjoying a laugh with others at the challenges of a tough day.

Her smile lit up the room, and her laugh was infectious. She loved her grandchildren and made frequent trips to see them.

She was a consummate sun worshiper who also loved the water, spending hours on her deck, in her pool and in her hot tub. Her love of fuchsia, interior design and her daily Tim Hortons coffee delivery were also well known to all who loved her. As was her love of fresh corn: legend has it she tucked away 22 cobs one day years ago!

Candy was easy to talk to and was known for having the courage to confront conflict without animosity and speak her mind without judgment or hostility.

A caring and dedicated nurse, Candy's passion for healthcare was a constant throughout her life. She believed strongly in lifelong learning and was always upgrading her knowledge and skills. She was brilliant and regularly finished top of her class as she progressed from Nursing Assistant to Registered Nurse and finally to Nurse Practitioner.

She treasured her relationships with her colleagues and patients alike, touching the lives of many and was both respected and admired for her knowledge and compassion.

Candy is survived by her loving long-time partner Doug Carr; daughter Kailey Birn (Kevin); beloved grandchildren Colin, Emma, and Isaac; sisters Phyllis Patterson, Ginny Adolf, Marilyn Koss; brother Tom Choropita (Audry); and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates any donations to the Canadian Cancer Society ([www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)).

