

**Ann Marie Chassie (Golding) BSN RN** August 31, 1968 - August 20, 2011

## *Ann Marie had a big life...*

Ann Marie died suddenly in an airplane crash near Resolute, Nunavut. She is survived by her two children, Ashley (19 years) and Bradley (15 years) and their father Ernie Chassie; her parents, Linda and Harry Golding of Yellowknife, NT; sister, Sonya and Cory Dodd of Yellowknife, brother Joe and Sasha Golding, of Dauphan, Manitoba; sister Leah and Rene Mercredi of Fort Smith; five nieces and nephews (Chelsea, Hannah, Nathan, Seth and Tyler); also several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Our family moved to the North in 1981 when Ann Marie was 13. As a family we learned to respect the land in our community as taught by our Northern teachers and Elders. The love for the North and her family ensured that she would remain to raise her family, attend university and establish her career.

Family values were established at a young age. Our family's New Brunswick roots were maintained by living in the North during the school year and living at our camp on Waukehagan Lake during the summer. The camp was rustic and real where all the children ran barefoot and free. Ann was a strong swimmer, competitive at horseshoes and crazy-eights. The large extended family was always present on the point. Her name will forever be etched on the walls of the camp and surrounded by her family and friends. Ann Marie was particularly close to her grandparents.

Ann Marie taught her love of the outdoors to her children. She would

often take them on adventures that spanned the globe. On one trip, Ann Marie, Ashley and Bradley went to Jasper where they went white water rafting. The wonder of these adventures she shared, often with the rest of the family and friends, along with her deep love of her children and their accomplishments.

Ann Marie enjoyed her work as a Flight Attendant and was employed at First Air from 1989 to present. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2006 and also worked as a Registered Nurse at the Stanton Territorial Hospital in Yellowknife. It was not uncommon for her to go from her Flight Attendant caring directly to the more intimate caring in the hospital. In either place, her smile and presence was extremely reassuring.

Ann Marie was a loving daughter, devoted mother, and inspirational big sister. She was a world traveller, an adventurer, a volunteer, a trainer, a musician, a storyteller, and a writer. She loved to laugh, tell a joke and entertain. She was known for her beautiful and infectious smile. She had many nicknames including Annie, Smiling Annie, Hugs, Anna Maria, Mumma and BB, just to name a few.

Ann Marie sponsored children around the world for more than 20 years. She recently returned from a trip to Africa where she spent time at an orphanage. She spoke of this wonderful experience often and hoped to return and utilize her nursing skills or volunteer in another capacity in any way she could help.

Ann Marie had a naturally caring and nurturing way about her. Between her two professions and raising a family, she always created time for others, making them feel special. She was a perfectionist in her work and an inspiration to those around her.

Many who knew and worked with Ann Marie referred to her as "Mumma". On the day before her last flight she said to a co-worker and friend, "Mumma is on her way to come and get you out of Iqaluit", and she did. On the day of her last flight her friend said, "I will see you on the turn when you come home" and she said, "for sure sister, see you on the turn, I promise!" The turn has come and gone and we are all still waiting for you to come home just as we know you would wait for us.

**A Celebration  
of Ann Marie's Life  
will be held on  
Sunday, August 28, 2011  
at 2:00pm  
at the Adlair Hangar  
in Yellowknife,  
Northwest Territories.**

*In lieu of flowers a trust fund has been established for Ann Marie's children at the Scotia Bank in Yellowknife. If you would like to make a donation, any Scotia Bank across the country will be able to assist you or you can mail your contribution to the Scotia Bank, Yellowknife Branch at #27, 5102-50th Avenue, Yellowknife NT X1A 2S8.*

