



Lena Ursula Gosselin

April 15, 1946 - May 31, 2012



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Lena Ursula Gosselin. Lena passed away at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops on May 31, 2012, after a courageous battle against cancer. She was surrounded by her devoted husband, loving daughters, family members and friends.

Lena was born April 15, 1946 in Kreizhelm, Germany. She immigrated to Canada and grew up in Ottawa where, in 1968, she married the love of her life, Roland. That year, they moved to Inuvik, Northwest Territories where Roland went to teach. They would go on to spend thirty years in Yellowknife where they raised their two daughters. They developed many deep and meaningful friendships that have carried on to this day.

Lena was a dedicated 30 year employee of the Government of the NWT, as an Executive Secretary, supervising numerous staff. In 2006, Lena and Roland retired to Kamloops. They settled in the close knit community of Rivershore where they were once again blessed with close and supportive friendships.

Lena had a passion for dancing and music and enjoying the company of family and friends with good food and spirits. She had had a delightful sense of humor and an infectious laugh. Roland and Lena enjoyed travelling to warmer destinations where Lena could worship the sun. Lena was a great cook and hostess. She cherished the time spent in the company of her four grandchildren in Medicine Hat and Kamloops.

A loyal friend, loving mother, doting grandmother and devoted wife, Lena's absence will be deeply felt by her husband Roland Gosselin; daughters Jacqueline (Kevin) Smith and Tanya (Jeff) Miniely, mother Olga Kapyrka, brother Peter Kapyrka (Cheryl), sister Irma Burgess, brothers in-law Richard Gosselin (Jacqueline Scarcella), Rosaire Gosselin, Rene Gosselin (Wendy) and her beloved grandchildren: Kayla, Jessica, Liam and Ainsley.

The family is proud to share that the donation of Lena's corneas resulted in the gift of sight for two people. Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!