Karen Lynn (nee Machan) Balanuik

April 27, 1957, Stettler, AB - June 10, 2014, Edmonton, AB

After a three-year battle with cancer, fought valiantly with grace and courage, Karen finally succumbed on the morning of June 10, 2014. Left to mourn their loss are Dave, her husband of 36 years; daughters Jessi and Sara; sons Jordon and Josh; and grand-daughter Austyn. Also grieving are parents Ken and Shirley Machan of Edmonton; brothers Lindsay of Vancouver, Stephen (Hallie) and children Tyler and Sarah of North Delta, BC, Barry (Claudia) and children Samantha and Matthew of Cold Lake, AB. Several aunts and uncles and many cousins from BC to Ontario will feel a deep sense of loss, as will a host of friends and co-workers across Canada, from NWT to Newfoundland. Karen is predeceased by brother Christopher (March 2013), nephew Benjamin (1993), parents-in-law George and Kay Balanuik, and sister-in-law Donna Chapman.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Sawridge Inn, 4235 Gateway Blvd. If desired, charitable donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Cross Cancer Institute.