Rhonda Lee Vuorela (nee Spizawka) of Yellowknife, died suddenly at her home at the age of 61, on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Born in Chapleau Ontario, she was the middle daughter of Michael and Madelyn (Rioux) Spizawka. She married Seppo Vuorela on November 13, 1975. The couple subsequently moved to Pine Point, Northwest Territories, in 1980. Together, they chose to remain on the shores of Great Slave Lake, living in both Hay River and Yellowknife.

Rhonda will be remembered for her generous heart, support to children and friends in need, as well as her devotion to family, especially in later years as her health declined. Cooking and cats remained favourite pastimes until her death.

She is survived by her husband Seppo, daughter Arleen, and siblings Steve, Rosemary, Tom (Janet), Robyn (Ed), and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Yellowknife at 2:00 PM on Saturday May 27, 2017.