



## **DOLORIS (DEL) WOODWARD**



passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside on Wednesday, June 8th at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. She was 63. She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years Bob (Woody), sons Rob, Derrick and Mark, daughter Dawn (Trevor), her precious granddaughter Karys, brother Archie Loutitt of Yellowknife, and many friends. Del was born in 1942 and grew up in Yellowknife, where she would meet her soulmate. They



moved to Kimberley in 1971 and raised a family. A devoted wife and mother, Del loved her kids dearly and would always be there for them – giving rides, sending money or just to listen. A talented artist, she was commissioned many times by various businesses in Kimberley to paint window murals – especially during Christmas, her absolute favourite time of year. Del was also a great softball player, renowned for her firebrand pitching style in the Woman's Gopher League, where she made many good friends and had many fond memories. Her other life-long passion was the game of hockey and her beloved Vancouver Canucks. One of Del's great personal achievements was overcoming her fear of flying, travelling extensively throughout Canada, the US and Mexico with her husband. Del will be remembered for her feistiness, her sometimes stubbornness, and for being a sweet, down to earth lady with great appreciation for good humour, good music and good books. Her courage and spirit throughout her difficult struggle inspired everyone around her. She also leaves her loving pets, cat Zowie, dogs Merfy and Dax – three very special friends, Donna, Joy and Elfrieda. She was predeceased by her father George in 1978, sister Linda in 1988 and mother Bea in 2002. A celebration of a life well lived was held Wednesday, June 15 at the McPherson Chapel in Kimberley at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the BC Cancer Society.

*Expressions of sympathy may be emailed to [mcpersonfh@show.ca](mailto:mcpersonfh@show.ca) subject heading: Doloris Woodward.*

*Funeral arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Service, Cranbrook, BC (250) 426-3132.*

