

Alice Solyma

It is with overwhelming sadness that I share the news of the very sudden and unexpected passing of Alice Solyma on March 19, 2016.

She will be greatly missed by her only sister, Natalie Solyma of Edmonton; her Uncle Mike (Doreen) Booy of Edmonton and Auntie Ann Booy (late Nick Booy) of North Battleford, Saskatchewan and many cousins in Canada and Ukraine. She was predeceased by her parents, Nicholas and Nellie Solyma.

For over 35 years, she was employed in a career she truly loved, with the Natural Resources Canada Pacific Forestry Centre. Major federal government restructuring in 2014 sadly brought an end to this position and caused her to search for, and successfully find, contract work with the Institute of Oceans and Fisheries which she really enjoyed. She was a rare soul who really loved her work.

I wish to thank her library colleagues both locally and across Canada for their many kind thoughts. A very special thank you to Pam Wilkins for her kindness to me and for taking the time to let others know in the library network about Alice's passing. Alice would have been very touched, as I am.

A special thank you also to her long time neighbours who have been so kind to Alice in the past and now to me. Alice spoke highly of you.

She enjoyed volunteering with dances at the Da Vinci Centre and spoke of the friendships made there.

Alice valued her family, co- workers and friends and would do anything to help them.

Alice has lived in Victoria since 1978, but will be returning home to Edmonton to be near her family.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Edmonton. Interment to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery.

If wished, memorial donations in Alice's name may be made to the B.C. Cancer Agency, who helped Alice successfully battle thyroid cancer in 1995, or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

Live like tomorrow never comes, Alice did.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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