

Cheryle (Canning)

Anne

Ibaraki

Cheryle Anne Ibaraki, a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend passed away suddenly in Victoria, BC, on November 27, 2015. She is survived by her daughter Michelle, her father Gerald, siblings Ron (Barb), Kathy (Victor), Michael (Ruth), Joanne (Rene), Gwen (Charles), 12 nephews and nieces, 7 great-nephews and nieces, a loving extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her mother Audrey and brother-in-law Charles.

She loved her family and friends, but her daughter Michelle held the most special place in her heart. She inspired the many people who entered her life and fundamentally touched everyone she met in some way. She will be greatly missed.

Born in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, she crossed the country, living in Peterborough, Kelowna, Vancouver and eventually Victoria.

During the course of her life, Cheryle worked as Chief Inspector at WestClox, a caring manager at A&W, and in Customer Service at BC Tel (Telus), where she won the top award for excellence. She was extremely intelligent and was a hardworking and dedicated employee.

Cheryle loved the water and swimming, a passion she shared with her daughter Michelle. Always active, Cheryle maintained her love of exercise throughout her life by walking, swimming and using the rowing machine.

Always an avid reader, she loved mysteries, history, ancient Egypt, biographies, National Geographic and much more. She was also a consummate letter writer. Cheryle was creative, making beautiful beaded earrings for her friends and family, as well as herself. She had an eclectic taste in music, which ranged

from Rod Stewart, Eurythmics, U2, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, and KISS to Bach and Mozart.

Over the years, her greatest joy was cooking and baking, which she excelled at, and she passed that love of cooking to her sister Joanne. She was known for many delicious dishes, but she will always be remembered for her triple layer chocolate cake and Black Forest cake.

Twenty-three years ago, Cheryle was in a serious car accident where she suffered a severe head injury with many lasting imprints. At the time, the doctors did not give any hope for recovery. Refusing to believe the dire diagnosis and armed with their love, hard work, dedication, encouragement and all the information they could research, Michelle and her father worked daily for a year alongside health professionals to work with Cheryle to re-learn how to sit, stand, talk, read and write again, and in due course, they helped her get to a point where she was able to live independently. But ultimately, her miraculous recovery would not have been possible without Cheryle's determination, strength, grit, tenacity, resilience and hard work. Although her life changed significantly after the accident, these traits never left her.

Cheryle faced all challenges throughout her life with grace, determination, perseverance, and a smile on her face. She was a talented, funny, smart, generous, and kind woman, and her strength was evident – physically, mentally and spiritually.

She will be remembered for her generous and friendly nature and her sparkling eyes and beautiful smile.

A special thank you to Greg who was a great friend to Cheryle and to her homecare workers Erika and Brenda for their caring support.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 in Victoria, BC.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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