

Lynn M. Jackson

The world is a sadder place today due to the passing of Lynn M. Jackson, also known as Sparkle the Clown.

For over 30 years Sparkle was an entertainer of children and adults alike. Through her original music, magic show and balloon artistry, Sparkle was a consummate thespian. With her musical partner Kenan Sweezy, she performed at The Islands Folk Festival, Folk Life in Seattle, Hillside Mall, Clown Fest at Galey's Farm, and elsewhere. Lynn was born in 1946, at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables Florida when it was a military hospital. She grew up in Louisville Kentucky, moved to Canada and met Norman Jackson in Edmonton. Norm and Lynn have been married for 32 years. For 21 of those years they owned Selkirk Guest House B&B in Victoria, BC. Lynn is survived by her children Rachel Cooper, and Dave and Douglas Jackson, heartdaughter Laura; eight grandchildren; mother – 88 year old Tilly; brothers Robb and Charlie; sisters Lisa and Barbara.

Lynn had Cancer for 4 years and passed away in Victoria Hospice February 6, 2012. A Bahai service at Royal Oak Burial Park in the Woodlands section will take place on February 8, 2012 at 2:00pm. Costumes are optional. Donations in memory may be made to the Cancer Agency or Victoria Hospice.

A celebration of Lynn's life will take place at Norway House on February 17th, from 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Please bring musical instruments. Sparkles costumes will be silently auctioned with proceeds to Victoria Hospice. Condolences to the family may be offered below.

The Clown's Prayer

Lord, as we stumble through this life help us to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer than despair. Never let us become so

indifferent that we will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let us forget that our total effort is to cheer people, make them happy and forget at least for a moment, all the unpleasant things in their lives. And Lord, in our final moment, may we hear you whisper: "When you made my people smile, you made me smile". God Bless.

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