



REMEMBERING
Illini Jean Miller

December 6, 1961 - October 11, 2010



Illini Jean was born on December 6, 1961 in Calgary Alberta to proud parents Alvin & Kathleen Miller. She was the youngest of five children, which included her three sisters and one brother.

In 1972 the Miller family relocated to Nelson BC where Illini attended Trafalgar Junior High School and then L.V. Rogers Secondary School.

Illini started her working career while she was still in high school with various part time jobs. She first worked at the Carriage House Restaurant with her sister Carey, then at Harley's Fabric Store where she was introduced to sales.

Taught to sew at an early age Illini quickly became a talented seamstress.

She would often supplement her income by creating and sewing beautiful fashion items for many of her friends and co-workers.

Later in her life Illini was one of the original employees of Pacific Insight where she worked for over ten years. Three years ago Illini changed her job path and began a very rewarding position at Mountain Lakes Senior Community Living.

Her compassion, love and devotion to the care of seniors brought Illini great contentment. She would often comment that each person at Mountain Lakes was like one of her parents. She always had a warm smile and joke or two to share with every person that was in her care.

Illini had a life long love for all animals but especially for dogs and cats.

She had numerous pets through out her life and mostly all of them were acquired from the S.P.C.A. Her two dogs Alura & Colby, and two cats Autumn and Halo will miss her very much.

Illini was a kind and friendly soul whose life revolved around her family and most importantly her two boys, Justin and Shawn.

In her spare time Illini enjoyed needle work, listening to music, watching action movies and walks with her dogs.

Illini passed away on October 11th, 2010 in Nelson B.C. at the age of 48.

Illini will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her children Justin and Shawn, her brother Kim (Gail) Miller and her sisters Deb (Lynn) Ingalls, Anna (Ron) Chernenkoff and Carey (Joe) Nazaroff, her nieces, nephews: April, Clinton (Tara), Savannah, Terry (Trisha) and family, Tom (Samara) and family, Candice (Tyler), Devon and Lyndall. She also leaves behind several cousins, her Aunt Jean Fisher and Uncle Marty Dundas as well as a long time family friends Leona & Mike Turko.

Illini was predeceased by her father Alvin in 1985 and her mother Kathleen in 2009.

May God accept her into His Heavenly Kingdom.

On behalf of the family we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to doctors Malpass, Milde and Schumacher for their compassionate care. The Nelson city police, the first responders, the BC Ambulance Service of Nelson, Dave Scanlon, Nina, and Dana, for their professional care as well as those who called or expressed their condolences after her passing.

The family asks that donations be made in memory of Illini to the

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