



REMEMBERING
Karen Franz

March 9, 1942 - January 27, 2020



Karen was a loving wife to Werner Franz (deceased), mother to Tamara (Franz) Coletti, husband George Coletti, and Kevin Franz; Nana to Katie Franz and her daughter Brooklynn Franz; sister to Ron Kucey (deceased) and sister-in-law to Joyce Kucey; cousin to Sherry and Melony; and a dear friend to all of the communities that she shared her life with.

Karen was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, where she spent the first three years of her life before her parents moved the family to Port Coquitlum, BC. Karen started her own family in the lower mainland before moving to Nelson in 1989 with her children and granddaughter. Karen spent approximately twenty years in Nelson and ten years in Kimberley before returning to her home in Nelson.

While in Nelson, Karen owned and operated the Nelson Civic Theatre and raised her family, as the first female projectionist in Canada. Karen also took on ownership of the theatre and bowling alley in Kimberley operating as the Werner Theatre, in memory of her late husband, and the Regal Lanes bowling alley. Karen appreciated bringing entertainment to the communities she worked in, and took joy in sharing her love of the movies with everyone: family, friends, staff and customers.

Karen's happiest times were spent visiting with family and friends at her lake place enjoying a home cooked meal, a dip in the lake, or a bonfire, and always each other. Long drives with her granddaughter, and quiet moments sitting with her pets were also enjoyed by Karen. Karen loved her life, her family, and her friends; she will be greatly missed by many.

Karen's family wishes to extend a heartfelt Thank you to the hospital staff, doctors, and nurses who provided Karen with exceptional care and respect. With a very

special Thank you to RN Cathy Ahrens, Dr. Linda Johanson, Respiratory Therapist Sheena, and Dr. Ann Marie Baribeau. Their attention and compassion were immeasurably appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the BCSPCA, as Karen was a proud lifetime lover of cats and dogs, while loving all animals big and small. Or any other organization that you feel represents Karen to you is also appreciated.

In accordance with Karen's wishes, a celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2020 for close family and friends. The date and location will be determined at a later time.

Much Appreciation and Gratitude,

The Franz Family

