

## REMEMBERING Kara Maureen McDonald

June 7, 1980 - August 22, 2018



JUNE 7, 1980 - AUGUST 22, 2018

"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes, because for those who love with their heart and souls, there is no such thing as separation' -Rumi

Our beloved Kara passed away Aug. 22, in Surrey Memorial Hospital.

From Kara's earliest days, she displayed a curiosity and determination that was remarkable in someone so young. Dance classes, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, singing, writing music, horseback riding, were all things she embraced with passion and learned with ease.

Kara's greatest pride & joy were her children, Rayfe and Kaiya. They were the lights of her life and she loved them fiercely. She could experience being a kid, all over again, with her kids, and any occasion, such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween, was cause for decorating (everything), and much celebration. Her enthusiasm for these special occasions knew no bounds, and she carried them away to magical places with her creative spirit and joyful energy.

Family was important to Kara, and she loved all the family gatherings. While she was growing up, we would have some of these gatherings at our house. These were exciting days and she would help clean up the house, and then she would fret about what she would wear, trying on every piece of clothing she owned before deciding on the outfit that she felt was suitable to the occasion. She would love organizing the activities for the day/night, with much enthused support from her Grandma Oshiro. They were 2 peas in a pod, and it is a comfort, to us, to know that they are together, now, along with her Grandpa Oshiro, and Granny and Grandpa Bourne. We know they were waiting to greet her when she made her last journey.

The family wishes to thank all the people that supported Kara, and us, through difficult times. Kara had a large extended family in the Recovery Community, who were dear to her heart, and ours. Thank you to Peak House. The love and support shown to Kara and our family during her time, there, will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Shimai House (Deena & Stephanie) and Little House (Renu) and all the wonderful staff and residents who loved and supported her over the last couple years.

Kara leaves behind her beloved children, Rayfe and Kaiya and their father Alex McDonald, her mom, dad and brothers (Ramona, Steve, Nick and Craig), Aunts and Uncles, Kim, Paula, Doug, Pam, Rob, Larry, June, Maureen, Graeme. Cousins, Emily, Phil, Chloe, Kevin, Shayleen, Janna, Matthew and many more. Dear friends, Tara, Val, Michelle, Holly and many more. Her God Mother June, and honorary cousins Melissa and Shaun. Dear and supportive mother and father in-law Lois and Dennis.

RIP our dearest Kara. You are loved.

In honour of Kara, there will be a Celebration of Life @ Bakerview - 34863 Cemetery Ave. Mission, B.C. Saturday - September 15 - 1:00 - 4:00.

