

# Lori Jean Burnett

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May 19, 1969 – Jan. 10, 2024

Our hearts are heavy, eyes laden with tears, as we announce the passing of our dear Lori.



Lori was born in Burnaby and spent much of her early life living and working in the Burnaby area. One of her first jobs was working in the kitchen at Oakalla Prison and then she went on to catering at BC Hydro. She moved to Abbotsford and bought her beloved little house in 1996. Lori continued to work at Hydro and commuted many years until she started another catering job not far from home. Tiring of the catering business, she went on to work at a local plant nursery and then a farm, helping with chores and animal care, including horses, which she absolutely loved.

Lori always loved to foster a sense of community. She helped start a neighborhood watch program in her area, to prevent crime and hosted many a backyard/lane party. She was the neighborhood “Halloween enthusiast”, decorating her place elaborately, always with the thought of making it “welcoming” and fun.

Lori moved just down the street from her place to live with Scott in 2005. They enjoyed many mutual interests, including riding Harleys, quadding (one of her most favorite activities), and camping life at Kennedy Lake. Since 2016 they enjoyed time together, fishing, campfires, and entertaining friends at their cabin near Princeton. She loved Scott deeply and he loved her in an amazing way, never giving up on her fight to get better.

Unfortunately, in summer of 2010 Lori was diagnosed with brain cancer and her life changed forever. She was on the roller coaster ride of her life, with various surgeries and treatments along the way. She faced her challenges head on with a determination to stay positive, willing always, to have a sense of humor.

Lori was a wonderful friend and had a special relationship with a few dear long-term friends (you know who you are). They stood by her side throughout her life, in the good times and the bad.

Predeceased by her parents George and Elaine Burnett and predeceased by her first partner, Mark Lemon in 1993.

Survived by her loving partner, Scott Stefanko, her sweet dog, Princeton, dear siblings, John (Anne) Burnett, Langley, Derek (Christine) Burnett, Calgary, Louise (Randy) Schellenberg, Vernon, many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, Uncle, Ken (Pat), and cousins, in Canada, U.S., Antigua and Scotland, who she treasured.

Lori was a fun-loving, generous, feisty spirit. She could often get you laughing until your belly hurt! She will be missed so greatly by all who knew her.

Please join us to share memories of Lori at her celebration of life tea: 1pm  
Saturday, April 20, 2024, Matsqui Community Hall, 33676 St. Olaf Ave.,  
Abbotsford, BC

## Messages of Condolence

Will always remember the good days with the “ baby” cousin!

Love you Janet and George

— **Janet Koch**

We would love to attend Celebration of life for Lori she will be missed but have great memories ☐

— **Brian and Donna Penman**

Lori and I went to high school together and we stayed in touch. Lori Brenda and I often would find ourselves in adventures and laughing so hard. She was a strong funny joy. She will be forever missed.

— **Michelle Christie**

Lori was so kind hearted

When my parents moved to the neighbourhood they were welcomed with her wonderful lane parties which they enjoyed so much. When my mom passed they included my dad Werner in their everyday life and so much more  
She and her infectious laugh will be missed

— **Monica**

Dwayne and myself met Lori through a mutual friend (Brenda). She was a blast of fun, laughter and great adventures. Scott and Lori enjoyed playing cards and singing karaoke. The laughter was always there, she will be missed dearly but is finally able to fly the way she was meant to. Forever an angel watching us all from above us.

Miss you my dear friend, love from the Mayer's

— **Kim and Dwayne Mayer**

Will always remember the good times and your friendship.

— **Cara McMillan**

Believing that she is no longer suffering and has a life with the horses and animals she loves, makes this easier to understand and accept. My thoughts are with her family and other friends. I was able to relate to Lori in very similar ways to her illness and mine. We shared stories. Not a day goes by without a thought.

— **Jann Wagner**

Dearest Cuz Lori, You will forever be in our hearts and memories

Jim, Belinda & Family...♥

— **Jim Lee**

I never knew we had the same middle name

— **Allison Burnett**

Lori will always have a special place in our hearts. Her infectious laugh, her love of people, always the social butterfly that made people smile and laugh. We shared bowling, softball, cards, karaoke, camping, lane parties and many friends. May you be at peace and out of pain. Fly high Lori and watch over us all. We'll miss you. ☐

— **Cora and Bill**

Always cheerful and full of laughter no matter the situation. You will be greatly missed.

— **Andy kryz**

I love you my sweet friend. I will miss your laugh and the many times that we laughed until we cried and then laughed even harder . One time I remember when we were talking on the phone and Scott came into the room cause he thought there was something wrong with you,so of course that set us off even more.

— **Colleen Gowland**



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