

Eileen Gail Cole (nee Harmatski)

JULY 13, 2018

EILEEN GAIL COLE (nee Harmatski) July 22,
1957 - July 13, 2018



It is with very heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of their beloved, dear Eileen, aged 60. She passed away much sooner than expected at the Hospital in Didsbury,

Alberta, with family at her side. Eileen was brave, strong and did not show any self-pity throughout her 3 month battle with cancer.

Eileen leaves to mourn, her husband Melvin of 39 years, along with their children, Darcy (Denise), Travis (Lindsay) and Justin (Alycia); mother, Helen; sisters and brothers, Ernie, Ervin (Cindy), Val (Ivan), Lynn, Shelley and Gary; grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins; aunts and uncles; in-laws and friends. She was predeceased by her father John and brother Lawrence.

Eileen was born and raised in Dauphin, MB to parents John and Helen Harmatski. There she met Melvin at the age of 15 and married at 20. Eileen and Mel raised their boys in Winnipeg, MB until 1996, then made their move to Alberta where they lived in Calgary before moving to Cochrane and then Airdrie.

Eileen was a very adventurous woman who always wanted to be doing something. She loved to travel, quilting and dogs. She was a curious woman who would always be researching something. She loved her and Mel's lake property at Koochanusa, BC where they have shared countless, precious memories with friends

and family. It was a place of such serenity for Eileen.

She was always such an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, auntie and friend and would always selflessly do anything for other people before herself. She was an amazing listener and a great conversationalist and would always encourage you to do your best. She will be remembered for her amazing smile and sense of humor.

Our sincerest thanks to the staff and doctors of the Peter Lougheed Centre, Calgary, AB who provided such good care during her one month stay and the staff and doctors at the Didsbury Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, July 30 at 10:00 AM at St Mary's Parish, 10 River Heights Dr, Cochrane, AB T4C 1B3. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.myalternatives.ca located in Airdrie, Alberta.

Messages of Condolence

Mel, you and Eileen have been so much in our thoughts and prayers these last 3 months. Eileen's laughter will be missed!! We treasure the memory of her intense laughter during a nascar vacation with you both in Vegas.

Rest In Peace Eileen. With heavy hearts and much love Dwight and Carey

— Dwight and Carey

It was my honor to have known Eileen through her family in Winnipeg Beach. Eileen was a loving and caring person who always enjoyed being around her family and friends. My prayers and condolences go out to all of her family and I know she will be missed very dearly. Thank you Eileen for being my friend.

— **Angie Skoryk**

My deepest condolences to the Cole family.

— **Jerry Pacheco**

Mel, sending my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your wife. May your precious memories give you strength in the months and years ahead. Thinking of you my friend.

Gerry and Joan

— **Gerry Silbernagel**

My deepest condolences to Mel and the whole Cole family .

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Much love to you Mel, Travis and Justin and their families at this time.

Eileen was lovely and we all loved her very much and will miss her greatly.

xoxo

Amanda, Madison and Makenna Lerner

— **Amanda Lerner**

Eileen was a fun loving person, we go back a lot of years of friendship, since early 1970. Eileen had a sense of humor, and great personality. We will miss her greatly.

Mel and family our heart felt sympathies are with you at this time

Thinking of you, Your friends Cliff & Elaine.

— **Cliff and Elaine Matychuk**

We were so saddened to hear the news of Eileen's passing. As neighbors at lake Kooconusa we shared many occasions of wine and conversation, appreciating the beauty of the area. Our sincere condolences to Mel who has lost a best friend, wife, love and life partner.

— **Ray and Pat Stauffer**

Our sincerest condolences to you and your family Mel

— **Brad & Lila Porter**

Poppason greeted you on July 13 with the biggest hug you have ever had ☺ , it was then, that you were reunited with your brother Lawrence.

— **Shelley**

Condolences to the Cole family, May the family find peace in knowing that Eileen is free of pain and in a much better place. Till we all meet again

— **Gracie Gay**

I am saddened to hear that my friend, Eileen, has passed away. She was a lot of fun to hang out with. I extend my sympathy to Melvin and all family members. She will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Brenda

— **Brenda Treller**

Mel, Ernie and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with to hopefully give you some comfort. Eileen will not be forgotten by anyone who knew her. Eileen is loved by all.

— **Carl & Inright St-Goddard**

Mel and family, we are so saddened by the news of Eileen's passing! You were wonderful neighbours in Cochrane and we find it hard to believe we will not see her again. We will miss her very much! Our love and thoughts are with you and we hope this gives some comfort at this time of great loss.

— **Linton and Anne Kulak**

Mel, we are thinking of you in this tough time, our deepest condolences to you & your family. Remember all the good times, her smile & laugh ! Take care my friend ! Ellis & Sandra

— **Ellis Patzwald**

So sad to learn of Eileen's recent passing. I wanted to extend my deepest condolences to Mel and family as you are in my mind and heart at this time.

— **Mark Bonsor**

Mel, my prayers and condolences go out to you and all family members

— **Jane Courcelles (Matychuk)**

Mel , we would like to send our condolences and prayers for you and your family at this time , may god bless you all !!

— **Pat & Gail Colbon**

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mel and Family.

— **Candy Richards, Ron Richards, Dustin Richards & All the Staff at Drivers Collision 2014 Inc.**

Mel and family, our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones .

— **Rick and Roxanne Altenburg (Nimmo)**



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