Antoinette Marie Overwater



DECEMBER 16, 2013

Antoinette (Toni) Marie Overwater passed away surrounded by her family and close friends at the Didsbury Hospital on Monday, December 16, 2013 following her fight with cancer.Toni was born August 10, 1945 in St. Andrew's, Manitoba. She attended St. Andrew School, St. Mary's Academy and St. Benedict's Academy in Manitoba. Following her move with her family to Didsbury in 1961, she completed her grade 12 at the Didsbury High School. Upon graduating, Toni accepted a position as "ward aid" at the Michener Centre in Red Deer. She then transferred back to Didsbury where she began to upgrade her nursing education by taking various courses while working to receive her LPN status. Toni spent her life in the nursing field, working at Didsbury, Olds, Drumheller, Linden, Alberta as well as in Kelvington and Conora, Saskatchewan. She also acted as Union Representative for her fellow nurses while working in Didsbury. She was known as a gentle, caring nurse and had the ability and patience to work with the elderly and palliative care patients. In spite of her busy life, she still gave time to her church, the Carstairs CWL, and to sporting associations her son Jeff participated in. Toni is lovingly remembered by her son Jeff; grandson, Kason; brothers, John(Inga), Joe (Mary-Anne), George, Tony (Sharon) Neil, Peter (Tammy), Paul (Helen) and Chris (Kristine); sisters, Fran Murphy, Pat Krebs, Theresa McNeil (Gary) and Mary Trenhold (John), as well as many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her partner, Don; two sons, Adam, Graeme Troy; parents,

John and Antoinetta Overwater; brother, Eric; sister Anne; nephews Marty Krebs and Joel Terpsma; sister-in-law, Vera Lee Overwater and brother-in-law Frank Murphy. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Stephens Catholic Church on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Fund, 1331 – 29 Street NW, Calgary, AB, T2N 4N2.

Messages of Condolence

I will miss this friend, she was special and had a big heart!!!We had lots of fun, when I worked in Didsbury. I will miss her, but I am thankful for great memories!

— Donna French Guenette

To Nettie's family,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your Mom & sister. She was a wonderful person. Unfortunately, I had lost contact with her over the years, but I've thought of her often. I will always remember our friendship & the support she gave me in my young life. I've used the advise & guidance she gave at that time throughout my life both in my marriage & in the raising of my children. She also taught me what a true friend was. I know that she has left a huge hole in all your lives, and I truly feel that my life was made better from knowing her.

— Kate Camps (nee Barlow)

Very saddened to hear of Toni's passing, we met Toni when she worked at Didsbury hospital, Toni was always positive and fun to be around.

— Ann & Glen Marienhoff

I first met Toni, when I was a kid in the hospital in Didsbury, she was a fantastic nurse. Over the years I was lucky enough to run in to her from time to time. She had a great zest for life, always had a positive out look overall. She always had time to chat and was a joy to spend time with. My life is richer for having known her.

— Jo (Kraaikamp) Tennant

We are saddened to hear that Toni passed away. She was a very special lady - always kind, giving, thoughtful and fun too! She will surely be missed!

— Dale & Mike Stoesser

My heart was broken today. I decided to see if I could locate Toni. She was a huge part of my adolescent years in Didsbury. I have so many special and endearing memories of her kindness and of the joy that she brought to me and my mother. Toni was adept at communicating with everyone including a kid. She was an integral part of my growing up years and my mother was very fond of her. What a sad loss to all of us who loved and adored her. She left a beautiful mark on this world...an amazing woman. Hope you are flying with the angels Toni....you sure showed us all what it was like to bask in the light of a true angel while you were in this world.

— Vickie (Reese) Zern
