

Tracy Lynn Work

AUGUST 23, 2011

Tracy Lynn Work passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 after a six year battle with breast cancer at the age of 39 years. She is survived by her loving husband Clinton; her precious daughters Emma (10) and Kayla (8); her parents Don and Doreen Kleisinger; her brother Kevin (Shannon) and their children Blake and Jager; her grandparents Nick



(Elizabeth) Kontros and Ralph (Yvonne) Kleisinger; as well as many other family and friends. The family wishes to express a deep, heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Paterson and his nurse, Deb. A Prayer Service will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1305 Main Street, Airdrie on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, August 26, 2011 at 2:00pm In lieu of flowers, donations in Tracy's memory may be made to Alberta Cancer Foundation, 710, 101023 - 99 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3H1 or www.albertacancer.ca or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta and Northwest Territories and Nunavut, Suite 100, 119 - 14 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1Z6 or www.heartandstroke.ab.ca. The family requests those in attendance to wear bright colours - pink and purple being Tracy's favorites.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family.

Messages of Condolence

I never had the pleasure of meeting Tracy. I wish that I had. She was a wonderful wife and mother. I admired her strength through the years, and the love she showered her family with. I look forward to meeting her in heaven someday.

— **Angela Neilssien**

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Tracy. We can't imagine how difficult this time must be for your family. I know Tracy was a great person and will leave a great hole in your life. I will always cherish the memories of us camping and picking cherries out in BC every summer as children, with Tracy, Kevin, Nick, Elizabeth and my Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry, Jill, Matthew, Christopher Burdiga

— **Larry Burdiga**

My thoughts and prayers are with the Work and Kleisinger families at this time

— **D. Mackie**

Very sorry to hear about your loss, Tracy was a wonderful woman.

— **Chris and Kim Maki**

My prayers, and thoughts are with the entire Work and Kleisinger family. I had the privilege to meet Tracy when I coached her daughters. I always admired her relationship with her daughters, and was blessed to have the coach/parent relationship evolve into a friendship. Tracy was a role model, and I appreciated our conversations and advice when I had my own daughter. I can only hope I can shower the same love she showered her family with. No matter what activity Tracy or her family were involved in, she left a lasting footprint with everyone.

Cancer will remain powerless, as I will not remember the cancer, but your strength, words of wisdom, and smiles. Forever in the hearts of everyone you met, and your legacy will continue.

— **Stacey Sharp-Hegland**

Our deepest condolences Clinton as well as the Work and Kleisinger families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

— **Ralph Kroll & Suzy Moutinho**

Wishing your entire family comfort as you grieve and the healing strength you all need to carry on.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

— **Giselle Gerlitz**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for your loss of your daughter, wife & mother.

— **Melvin & Patricia Weiss**

I am sad to hear of your loss...Tracy will be missed. I met your family when the girls came to preschool where I worked and from the very beginning found them all to be a wonderful family. Emma and Kayla are adorable girls and my heart is hurting for them as they miss their wonderful mother. I hope her memories help you all heal. The world has lost a good lady but the heavens has just won a true angel. She was a beautiful lady both inside and out. I admire her strength in all her struggles. She helped me with loving words when my Mother suddenly passed away and when my father was diagnosed with cancer and later passed away she prayed for us (and she didn't know them). My thoughts and prayers go out to both the Work and Kleisinger families. May her memories help guide you though this sad time.

— **Diane Chipak**

Deepest condolences from the Bussey family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

— **Jen & Jamie Bussey**

My deepest sympathy for your loss.

— **Werner Jetz**

Tracy was a beautiful light in this world. She will be truly missed but never forgotten! Our hearts are with Clinton, Emma, Kayla, Mama and Papa Kleisinger, and the rest of the family in this sad time! Rest in peace until we meet again my friend!!!! xoxo

— **Brandy Contreras and Family**

I wish to send my deepest and sincere condolences to Tracy's family. I had the wonderful privilege of knowing and growing with Tracy throughout Junior High and Senior High School. I remember her beautiful smile and contagious laugh. Over the years we lost touch but in the last few years Tracy and I reconnected by Facebook. She always had lovely things to write me and say on my page. My heart breaks that we have lost such a beautiful young woman but I know Heaven has gained a fantastic angel. Love and prayers to all.

Dawne Pineau

— **Dawne Baxter Pineau**

I am so sorry for your loss. There are not enough people like Tracy in this world. She was one of a kind. She was such a beautiful spirit in spite of her battle! Her optimism and cheerfulness would beam throughout a room. She will be greatly missed. To Tracy's family, please know that we will continue to lift you up in prayer as you mourn her loss.

— **Tamara Carmell**

We came to meet Tracy and her family through our daughter's connection (Emma and Alex are best friends). Our family has been forever touched by Tracy and we are so thankful for the time that we have had to interact with her and her family. We certainly will always remember her.

Alex has expressed great concern for Emma and Kayla and a desire to give them a big hug. When she asked 'why did this happen,' she seemed comforted to know that Tracy would be in heaven to comfort the little children who go to heaven for before their parents. With this, she said she knew those children would be lucky because Tracy was such a nice mom. Alex is hoping to be able to meet with Emma and Kayla soon so she can let them know that she is a friend who they can hug when they need to.

— The Vermeersch Family (Chris, Kim, Alex & Brandon)

I was blessed to know Tracy most of my life, and she was always that "ray of sunshine". Tracy had a way of drawing others to her. A smile that could win the hearts of all. What inspires me most, was her strong sense of courage and quiet tenacity. Who else could have shone so much in spite of the struggles she faced. No matter how she was feeling, Tracy still took the time for others, still went camping or to her daughter's dance recitals. We could always count on receiving an uplifting message from her. As I am sure others feel as well, I feel cheated to have lost her so early in life and yet is it selfish to feel that way when her family's loss is so much greater? I think we all felt a closeness to Tracy, even if our only form of staying connected was through email or Facebook. What I have realized today and will carry with me is that we need to live life as if it were our last. Take time to inspire those around us and not let things prevent us from maintaining our relationships with friends and family. I have to admit that I have caught myself saying that --- "we'll catch up another time" or "I'll see them sometime soon" and yet that may never come to pass. I think it's worth it to say that we need to live in the moment and enjoy those around us, while we can. Tracy will be missed greatly and I know that I will hold her in my thoughts and prayers for years to come. The only solace now is that she is finally at rest. I send my love and prayers to her beloved family with the hope that somehow you can find comfort in knowing that she lives on in the hearts of those she knew.

— **Jennifer Connolly**

I am deeply sorry for you and your family... I did not need to know you well to know the beautiful family you have. My sincere sympathy,

Juan

— **Juan Andara**

It is with a warm heart and a smile that we think of Tracy. She was a wonderful mother and volunteer. She gave so much. We have fond memories of her positive and enthusiastic attitude, friendship and volunteer commitments at the gym club. We remember her as always surrounded by her loving family. I have particular fond memories of assembling wine baskets for a fundraiser in her lovely home. We continue to cherish our memories of her and the example she set. Our hearts are with you.

Deb Callaway and Kelly Millican

— **Deb Callaway**

My heart is breaking for your family. Tracy was such a fighter that although I knew she was very sick I never thought she would actually leave us. Her ability to make everyone around her feel comforted, loved, appreciated and hopeful was truly amazing considering the fight she was fighting daily. Tracy will never be forgotten. I believe that anyone who had the privilege of meeting Tracy will forever hold her in their hearts. She was just that amazing.

— **Kari Grant**

Our thoughts are with your families at this time.

— **Lin and Kim Harrison**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for your loss.

— **Jerry & Linda Lovas**

Tracy was one in a million - her courage, strength, laughter, sarcasm and 'tell it like it is' attitude pulled me through some of my darkest times. We are all better for having known her.

My heart aches for the loss of her but I know she has been called home for a very special purpose.

Thank you T1 for all the lessons and love you showed us - you will live on in our hearts and souls forever.

Sending love to Clinton, Emma, Kayla and the rest of Tracy's friends and family - peace be with you.

— **Tracy Mackie**

Tracy - funny, spirited, loving, amazing mother, beloved daughter, devoted wife, volunteer, leader, strong, courageous, brave, always positive, strong minded, genuine, honest, straight forward, beautiful, inspiration to so many, dancer, kind, generous, great friend, fighter, loved, lost, missed, peace.

— **Jackie Kaufman**

Clinton I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember when we all worked together. Tracy was always smiling and making my day a little brighter.

— **Susan Brick**

Our condolences to all of Tracy her family. Special to her husband and children and special to all of the Kleisinger family. She will be missed.

With love; her friends of Holland, Bouwe and Dieuwke, Hester and Johan and their kids and Lieuwkje and Bart and their kids.

We had a great time Tracy! I'll never forget, love you!

— **Lieuwkje van der Heide Wielinga**

Doreen

We were so sorry to hear of Tracy's death. We knew she was very sick when you left the hospital so we hope your last times together were very special.

You and all your family are in our prayers. We are having a mass said at our church for Tracy.

I know that God just wrapped his arms around Tracy and carried her gently to heaven. She is watching you from above and will continue to love you all.

Jeanne Lefebvre and Harvey Olsen (Tracy's room mate at Foothills Hospital, room 4613)

— Jeanne Lefebvre

Don and Doreen, we send our deepest condolences to you and the rest of the family. Our prayers are with you.

— Al and Sylvia Kelm

Don and Doreen,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. God bless.

— Sharon, Tom and Mitchell Hill



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