

"PERHAPS THEY ARE NOT STARS
IN THE SKY, RATHER OPENINGS
WHERE OUR LOVED ONES SHINE
TO LET US KNOW THEY ARE HAPPY!"

- ESKIMO PROVERB



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A CELEBRATION OF

life



Karen Ortlieb

MARCH 22, 1963 - MAY 18, 2019



Karen Jane Ortlieb, of Lethbridge, passed away peacefully in her sleep at St. Michael's Health Centre on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the age of 56, after a brave and quiet battle with cancer.

She is lovingly remembered by her dear companion and best friend of 29 years, Dennis Stringam, her stepdaughters, Stacey (Chad) Lysak and Chelsea Stringam (Jeff Ainscough) and grandchild, Rosealynn. She is also survived by her parents, Walter & Violet Ortlieb, her brothers, Ronald (Jodie) Ortlieb and Kevin Ortlieb, her nieces and nephew, Amber, Leslie, Ashley and Jason (Russet) Ortlieb and grandnieces, Gracie, Hannah, Alexandria and Lucy.

Karen was born on March 22, 1963 in Edmonton to Walter & Violet Ortlieb. She instantly became their beloved daughter as well as a beloved sister to Ronald and Kevin—her twin. She worked in the family business, Classic Carpets, for 26 years.

Karen loved nature; she would spend time watching and nurturing the wild rabbits and birds in her yard. She especially loved her dog, Buddy, who predeceased her. Gardening—specifically flowers—was a passionate hobby. History and politics were also areas of interest that sparked both learning and dynamic conversations.

Karen loved to travel; specifically, she enjoyed the time she spent in Kauai with Dennis, as well as a Mediterranean cruise with her mom. She travelled with her family to her parents' homeland, Germany in 1972.

Furthermore, Karen enjoyed working with her hands. She crocheted, baked and experimented with many recipes and was generous in sharing her creations. This past Christmas, she crocheted beautiful Christmas stockings for each of her nephew's children and had already begun working on their Christmas gifts for 2019. In the end, Karen's family sparked much joy as she shared her talents and gifts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:
Jack Ady Cancer Centre, c/o Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation
960 -19 Street South, Lethbridge, AB T1J 1W5

Celebration of Life Karen Jane Ortlieb

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Prelude Music from Karen's playlist

Welcome & Opening Remarks Darren Pepper

Invocation Betty Lou Riewe

A Life Honoured Ronald Ortlieb

Musical Selection *Tears in Heaven* by Eric Clapton

Reflections Stacey Lysak & Chelsea Stringam
Leslie Ortlieb

Poem *Mother Natures Way of Words*
Jessica S. Audet, read by Eric Riewe

Closing & Acknowledgements Darren Pepper

Benediction Jodie Ortlieb

Special Music Music from Karen's playlist

Interment

Karen will be laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery

Pallbearers

Stacey Lysak	Amber Ortlieb
Chad Lysak	Jason Ortlieb
Chelsea Stringam	Leslie Ortlieb
Jeff Ainscough	Ashley Ortlieb

Reception

Following the Interment, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the Cornerstone Funeral Home Reception Room