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Donna Marie (Milley) Cunningham - Tower Road

Beautiful memories will sustain us as we grieve the loss of our beloved Donna Marie (Milley) Cunningham, age 70. She passed peacefully at home, Thursday June 3rd with her loving family by her side. Donna was born Feb 5, 1951 in Glace Bay to Albert and Molly (Yates) Milley. Donna was a loving wife to her husband and best friend of the past 49 years, Kenneth Cunningham. She was a loving and devoted mother to her three children, Leslie (David), Blair (Crystal) and Howard. She was also the very proud grandmother of her seven grandchildren, Logan, Noah, Josh, Madison, Marissa, Mitchell, Josh and her great grandson Wesley. She was a loving sister to her siblings Dianne (Doug), Dolores (Keith) and Ricky (Christine). She also leaves a loving impression in the hearts of her many nieces and nephews.

Donna was predeceased by her mother and father, Albert and Molly Milley, brother in infancy, Albert, brother Darren, daughter in law Natasha and her best friend Ann Boone.

Donna lived a full life as a mother, homemaker, caretaker, family Christmas tree decorator, friend and hard worker. There was nothing she couldn't or wouldn't do. In her 20's and 30's Donna stayed at home and took care of the children. In her 40's, Donna owned and operated a fishing boat, "The Laker". She operated this boat, along with her brother Darren and her father, fishing cod and halibut. She later took a job working for A & L Seafoods in Louisbourg, and finally finished up her working career at Nova Scotia Power. Donna's life was busy, but she still found the time to take care of her mom during her illness and took her dad in to live with her after he was diagnosed with dementia.

When Donna received her diagnosis two years ago, she knew her time here on earth was going to be cut short. She was at peace with that. She never once complained or felt sorry for herself, instead she focused on the positive, on her family and made the best of the time she had left. Her favourite words became "I love you". Donna's greatest love was for her family. Every Sunday her kids and grandkids would gather at her home for an amazing home cooked meal. She was a great cook and baker and was known to make the best turkey dinners, and the best gravy around.

Some of Donna's other interests included planting flowers, fishing and listening to old country music. She also spent many summers playing lob ball. She was an avid dart player, playing in many leagues and many tournaments over the years. Once her grandchildren came along and started playing sports you would always find her at a field or rink cheering them on.

Donna may be gone, but one thing is for certain, she will never be forgotten. She will live on in the hearts of all of us left behind that loved and adored her so very much. Rest in Peace Sweet Lady, until we meet again, just beyond the rainbow's end.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and especially her VON nurse, Nancy and Palliative care nurse, Brett. You made it possible for us to fulfill Donna's wish of being at home, and you did it with so much care and compassion.

Following Donna's wishes, cremation has taken place. A family service will be held at a later date, when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

Donations can be made in memory of Donna to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Cooperative.

*Just look up in the sky, I am sunshine
I'm the mist that rises on the summer morn,
I'm the gentle breeze that cools the autumn evening.
When the bird sings in the trees I'm their song.
This journey I made, one day you will make it
You too will be with my forever friend
It's there once more we will be together.
I'll meet you just beyond the rainbow's end
It's there once more that we will be together.
I'll meet you just beyond the rainbow's end
Yes, I'm waiting just beyond the rainbow*