



WALZAK

LISA

MARIE

New Waterford/Edmonton

It is with broken hearts that we announce Lisa's passing in Margaree, NS on August 23, 2021 following a brief illness. Lisa grew up in New Waterford, NS, and was the beloved daughter of the late Phemie (MacKinnon) and Russell Walzak. Lisa is survived by a large and loving extended family as well as many very dear friends.

Lisa spent much of her adult life in Alberta. She loved to travel and travelled extensively both in Canada and abroad. However, Lisa never lost her down-home Cape Breton sensibility, meaning she was always up for a laugh and a good time.

To know Lisa was to love her. Her infectious laughter and quick wit lit up any room. Her colorful, magnetic personality drew people in. Once, while on one of her many trips, Lisa was looking for a payphone in an airport and she happened to run into Don Cherry, a man whose gruffness was no match for her charm. Next thing you know, Mr. Cherry was walking Lisa's dog while she made her call. On another occasion, Lisa and friends returned to the parking lot after lunch, only to find Lisa's car missing. Rather than panic, Lisa laughed as she blurted out that her car must have been towed due to the mountain of unpaid parking tickets. Within moments, Lisa had organized a carload of friends to drive across Edmonton, locate the impound lot, and swiftly charm the gatekeeper into releasing her car without payment.

A wonderful and hilarious storyteller, Lisa wasn't just the life of the party--she was the party. She had a knack for turning a regular day into a fun filled adventure. She enjoyed a laugh and could tell a joke with so much spirit that you had to laugh, even if you had heard it 100 times before. Nothing was too daring for Lisa. She was fearless and outspoken, especially when defending a

cause or coming to the defense of a friend. She was true and loyal. She kept our secrets, lifted our spirits, supported us, and most importantly gave us a kick in the rear end if we needed one. For these reasons she will be dearly missed.

Though Lisa loved people and they loved her back, her love did not stop there. She devoted her energy to caring for animals, the environment, the homeless, and for any being that needed a helping hand. If you knew Lisa, you knew how very close these causes were to her heart. However, few knew how generously she supported these causes, not only financially, but also with her time. So caring was she that once, upon discovering that mice had taken up residence in her Edmonton home, Lisa humanely trapped them and drove until she found an abandoned farm in rural Alberta, where she released them into a barn and left them with enough food supplies to get them through the winter.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Joan MacLellan, Malcolm MacLellan, Judy MacKinnon, Kelly Smith, Darlene Mott, Ann Rothe, and Andrée Caron for the care, love and compassion they showed to Lisa during her illness. Following Lisa's wishes, a private graveside service and a green burial has taken place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. A Memorial Mass and celebration of Lisa's life will take place at a later date.

Donations in Lisa's memory may be made to any of the following registered charities: Ecojustice Canada, Nova Scotia Nature Trust, or Edmonton's Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART).

Arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com

