



REMEMBERING
Karen Marie Arif

August 31, 1963 - May 9, 2021



In the early morning hours of Sunday, May 9, 2021, at the age of 57, Karen Marie Hatalcik Arif passed away at the Invermere & District Hospital after a difficult battle with brain cancer. Karen was born in Invermere on August 31, 1963 to

Frances and Alois Hatalcik.

She married her husband, Stephen Arif, on September 28, 1992 and they were blessed

with two daughters. Karen spent her life hiking, skiing, canoeing, and camping with her

family and friends. There was no place Karen would rather be than in the outdoors with

the people she loved. Karen spent her career as a physiotherapist, dedicated to helping

others.

Karen leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband Stephen and her two daughters, Elizabeth Ivy Hatalcik Arif and Anna Louise Hatalcik Arif. Karen also leaves her mother Frances Esther Hatalcik, two brothers, John Anthony Hatalcik (Shannon) and Stephen Christopher Hatalcik (Tanya), and one sister Joanne Frances Hatalcik (Mike), and several nieces and nephews. Karen was predeceased by her father Alois

John Hatalcik.

Donations in Karen's memory may be made to the Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley. Karen was a founding board member of the Society and was very passionate about this cause.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday May 15 at Canadian Martyrs Parish. The

family is

planning to hold a celebration of life after COVID restrictions have lifted, hopefully on

September 4th in Invermere.

The family would like to thank this community for all the love and support during this most difficult time.

