

Joyce Evelyn Aylward (nee Davies)



1962 -2016

Born June 9, 1962 to Mabel England and the late Lester Davies. At that time her parents and two older brothers, Wayne and David, were living on the Ferry Rd. in Cornwall. She was followed by two more brothers, Stephen in 1964 and Robert in 1965. When Joyce was five years old they moved to the Halifax area where she started to school. She later returned to Charlottetown with her mother and two younger brothers. They lived in the Idle Wheels Trailer Park in Cornwall for approximately three years then moved to Brookside Dr. where she spent most of her growing up years. She attended Eliot River Elementary, Charlottetown Rural, and Bluefield high schools graduating in 1980. She then attended the Maritime School of Social Work where she received her Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). Her career in social work began in Charlottetown, then Halifax and on to Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Joyce enjoyed her career very much and made long lasting friendships everywhere she worked. She always worked in the field of child protection and was well respected in her field. She was very non-judgemental, always seeing the best in the children and families. She always had the best interests of the children in her mind and worked diligently to accomplish this. Joyce had a great sense of humour and could see the funny side of things. She loved to laugh.

Joyce was married to her loving husband John Aylward of Sydney Mines, Cape Breton. They raised their four children in Sydney. Suzie, Charlie, Jillian and Jamie gave her much joy. She was a loving wife and mother. She was very patient and instilled good values in her children.

Growing up Joyce was a busy loving girl. She learned to ski with the Nancy Greene Ski League and rode her Newfoundland pony, Smokey Joe, in English riding classes. Joyce jumped more jumps than the pony as when he would suddenly refuse a jump he would put his head down and she would go over the jump alone still holding the reins. She attended many Island competitions in the provincial exhibitions and in 4H Horse and Pony Club.

Her friends were always very important to her and she would listen to their problems and try to solve them. She was a social worker at an early age.

Joyce and John enjoyed sailing on the Bra D'or Lakes, Cape Breton, especially in the Bedeque waters with their many good friends. She enjoyed kick boxing, going to the beach and loved to

shop. They loved to come back to Prince Edward Island for vacations at their Aunt Joyce's cabin in China Point which they did every year.

Joyce and John have two grandchildren, Cara and Carter, whom she loved very much and was sad to know that she would not be here to see them grow up.

Joyce fought hard to overcome her illness for four years but it was not to be. She died peacefully on April 12th, 2016 at the "Au Cala" Palliative Care Unit in Sydney, Cape Breton.