

Jane Albers – Vic High Class of 2002



ALBERS, Jane Frances November 26, 1983 - August 15, 2015
Jane died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She guided her family every step of the way as she bravely travelled this final journey of her short life. Jane faced many health challenges throughout her life but she demonstrated great perseverance and strength as she carved out her independence. Jane always showed kindness and thoughtfulness to others who faced challenges. One of her favourite things to do was to carefully select the perfect gift for her family and friends. Jane's life was challenging at times. She built a network of family members and friends who provided her with a telephone circle of support. This circle was vital to Jane's life and gave her a great sense of connection. She was able to get around independently and regularly visit her favourite bead and thrift shops. Many a kind bus driver or shopkeeper watched out for Jane over the

years for which we are very grateful. Jane's passion was to create beautiful beaded jewellery. She was celebrated online earlier this year on "Bedazzled Day." Owners of Jane's creations were asked to email her a picture of themselves with their jewels. Jane took great delight in pouring over photos from over 200 emails from four different countries. These photos gave her much joy over the last months of her life. Jane graduated from Vic High in 2002. Jane's teachers from both Central and Vic High were instrumental in helping her build the confidence needed to find her own path in life. She enjoyed volunteering for five years at the gift shop at the BC Cancer Agency. Jane was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Jerome and Bernice Albers. She is survived by her loving parents John and Leslie, her big brothers who she loved so much, Jesse (Heather) and Sam (Brooke) and her beloved nieces and nephew Ella, Ben and Juniper. She also leaves her grandparents, Patricia Taylor and John and Carmon Olson. She will be dearly missed by her many aunts, uncles and cousins. Many people helped our family during these past months. We thank our family and friends for lightening our burden with your kind words and gestures. We thank the compassionate home care workers from Beacon for their care of Jane. We also wish to thank the community nurses, hospice staff and especially our amazing family doctor, Donna Doyle for their guidance and care. Jane was surrounded by love until the end. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten. There will always be a place in our hearts for you Jane. We are so proud of the way you lived your life. We are all privileged to have known you. Jane, you have gone from creating angels to becoming one yourself. We will miss you forever. A gathering to remember and celebrate Jane will be held at the family home from 2:00-4:00 on Saturday, August 22. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Pediatric Cancers Survivorship Society of BC.

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