McLAY, Elinor Jean (nee Sutherland) (1965) 1947-2008

Born August 12, 1947, Cardston, Alberta. Elinor McLay, beloved wife, mother, sister and grandmother died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on July 15, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Eli's life was dedicated to caring for others. She spent thirty years working alongside her husband as a bookkeeper and accountant for the family's business. Her happiest moments were shared with her children and grandchildren. Eli will be remembered for her gracious manner, poise, attention to detail, love of entertaining, and also as a caring and loving friend. She will be missed by her friends in both Victoria and Tennessee. She was predeceased by her parents, Donald and Enid Sutherland. Memories of Eli will be cherished by her survivors, including, her loving husband of thirty-nine years, Bruce McLay; brother, Donald Sutherland Jr; a daughter, Julie (Chris) Rust; a son, Brent (Shelley) McLay; six grandchildren, Carson, Henry, and Lauren Rust, and Aidan, Abby, and Ella McLay; two stepchildren, Muffie (Bill) Myles and Robin (Charmaine) McLay; two stepgrandchildren Kayla Myles and Victoria McLay. We will always be inspired by her optimism, kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

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