REMEMBERING

Rita Ruth Janischewski

January 1, 1957 - September 26, 2018

Rita Ruth Janischewski passed away suddenly on September 26, 2018 in Chilliwack, BC. She was predeceased by her father, Tadeusz Janischewski in 2002. She is survived by; Son, Richard Ruttan (Charlene) and granddaughter, “Apple of Grandma’s Eye,” Selena Ruttan, Surrey, BC, Son, David Ruttan, Victoria, BC, Mother, Else Janischewski, Chilliwack, BC, Sister, Eleanor Wiersema, Kamloops, BC, Brothers, Ted Janischewski, Quesnel, BC, Ronald Janischewski (Rita), Quesnel, BC, Victor Janischewski, Calgary, AB, and long time friend, Frank Freemantle, Chilliwack, BC, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rita came in to this world with a flair, arriving at 7am on New Year’s Day, garnering a lot of attention as Chilliwack’s New Year’s baby. Lots of gifts were bestowed on such occasion. She grew up on the family raspberry farm in Greendale, begrudgingly pitching in to do her share as farm life was not really her cup of tea. She excelled in school, graduating with several scholarships under her belt. She ventured to the Island to study at the University of Victoria after high school and promptly fell in love with the city and Island life. She worked as a Care Aide after University and made her mark as one of the “favourites” amongst the residents because of her kind and soft demeanor. She met and married Donald Ruttan and had two boys, Richard and David. Her boys were her world and she took great pleasure in the simple things like taking them to the playground, going for walks and spending time at the beach. She also loved to read, sew (teddy bears especially), and bake. Her specialty was “Napoleon Torte” which she was quite proud of. It is a very tediuous recipe and a lot of work!

Once the kids were grown and off on their own, Rita eventually moved back to Chilliwack to be closer to her mother. She struggled with a few health issues in the

last couple of years but took it all in stride, not complaining and always had a smile or kind word to extend to others.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 10th, 2018 at the River of Life Church, 42369 South Sumas Rd., Chilliwack, BC, V2R 4W3, at 11am. Refreshments to follow. Donations in Rita's name can be made to: Canadian Mental Health Association, 500-250 Dundas St. W., Toronto, ON, M5T 2Z5. Condolences and tributes can be directed to the family by visiting: www.wiebeandjeskefh.com