REMEMBERING

Schmidt Erica

April 5, 1954 - October 5, 2013

Erica entered into the loving arms of her Saviour Jesus Christ on October 5, 2013. She was born to Peter and Doreen Hampton on April 5, 1954 in Powell River, BC. She was their only daughter followed by three brothers. She accepted Christ when she was five years old and was filled with the Holy Spirit when she was sixteen. She was part of the Jesus People movement and attended Pacific Bible College in Vancouver from 1974-77. Erica met her husband, Henry Schmidt, there and they were married in Surrey on July 7, 1979. In Surrey, daughters, Amy 1981 and Sophia 1982, were born. In 1984, the family moved to Abbotsford, Henry's hometown, where their son, Michael, was born in 1985. Erica and Henry pastored as a couple for twenty-five years in the community and also led a training centre with students attending from all over the world. She also taught elementary school, Bible, and ESL classes. She and Henry traveled around the globe giving out the good news of Jesus; her heart was especially for African orphans. She love greatly and gave generously. She is survived by her loving family: husband, Henry; children, Amy, Sophia (Ryan Prachnau), and Michael (Kelsey); grandchildren, Anastasia, Aleksandre, and Judah; mother, Doreen; and brothers, Stephen, David, and James. The family appreciates our community's overwhelming and generous response while Erica was missing since October. And so we invite the public to join us in remembering and celebrating Erica at South Abbotsford Church, 32424 Huntingdon Rd, on Friday, January 10th at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Living Waters Ministries and their work with African children.