It is with great sadness that the family of Darcie Hudson announces her passing on March 21, 2012 at the age of 61 after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

She is survived by her daughter, Dana Hudson of Kelowna and son, Jerrod Hudson of Vancouver; her mother Helen Hirschuk of Kelowna; sisters Louise Norman of Kelowna and Cheryl (Rick) Quinton of Coquitlam; former spouse Dean Hudson of Grinrod; several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Alex Hirschuk in 1993.

Darcie was born in Kelowna, BC on February 6, 1951, the eldest of three daughters in the family of Alex and Helen (nee Zeberoff) Hirschuk. She enjoyed a childhood in Kelowna and moved with the family in 1965 to Lakeview Heights (West Kelowna) to a property amongst orchards. She graduated from George Pringle Secondary School in Westbank, attended University of Victoria, and was a primary school teacher for two years in Parksville before returning to Kelowna to teach for 34 years. She taught at Black Mountain Elementary School and many years at Glenmore Elementary School where she retired in June 2011.

Darcie was loved by all who were fortunate to know her. Her quick smile, sense of humour, wit, and loving heart was a joy to family, friends, co-workers and students. She was a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher, a loving devoted mother, sister, daughter and aunt. She enjoyed children – people of all ages, road trips for sports events, bingo, Las Vegas, music, lively celebrations and conversation as well as quiet pursuits including movies, novels, baking, arts & crafts, sewing, needlepoint, and walks at night with her dog, Ziggy. May she meet departed ones for many more walks in heavenly starlight. We will miss her.

The family wishes to thank all friends and relatives who sat by Darcie’s side during her illness; many thanks to Darcie’s doctors, nurses and all the staff and volunteers at Hospice House for helping to comfort her in these final months.

Cremation has taken place, and at Darcie’s prior request, her ashes will be spread on the ocean at a family ceremony later in the spring. A Celebration of Life was held at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Rd, Kelowna, Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 10:00 AM. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped and who participated, including cousins Bernard and Millie Vojkin from Grand Forks for their beautiful songs. A sincere thank you also to all those relatives, friends and neighbours who gave support and offered condolences from near and far.

Memorial donations are kindly accepted to the Central Okanagan Hospice House or the Canadian Cancer Society.