

Carole, Candi Hess (1950-2018)

Carole "Candi" Hess, 68, passed away Monday, Aug. 13, at the Denali Center where she had resided for the last four years. Candi was born on May 22, 1950, in Rampart. She was the second of a set of twins and would be the first to say that her "older" twin sister Sandy was the bossy one. She was delivered by a midwife with the assistance of many aunties. Candi is survived by her three sons, Travis (daughters Victoria, Mallory and Kassidy); Myles (Yvonne and sons Ian, Jaxon), Marc (Davida, sons Marc Jr., Boonie, daughter Natasha) and three great-granddaughters Scout, Lana and Faye. Candi is also survived by five sisters, Marilyn Fiore; Anita Henry; Georgianna Lincoln (Chris Cooke); Sandy Cummings (Rich); Kathi Waldron. Candi is predeceased by her mother and father, Kitty and Rex Harwood, and brother, Ted Harwood. She has numerous nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles and cousins living here and in the Lower 48.

Mother, Kathryn "Kitty" Harwood was from Rampart and father, Theodore "Rex" Harwood from Michigan. The family lived in Rampart until moving to Fairbanks where Candi resided her whole life.

Candi worked since she was 16 and at the age of 39 received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alaska. Candi taught for 22 years for the Fairbanks Northstar School District as an elementary teacher, most of the years were as a kindergarten teacher. She loved her students and was loved back. She also worked for a number of years, prior to teaching, for the Alaska Native Education Program as a home school liaison, acting as an advocate for the students and their families. She also worked in the

Alaska Native Room where children were brought from many schools to learn of the Alaska Native ways of life, Candi also presented this in classrooms. She was extremely proud to be an Alaska Native. Candi retired in 2011.

Prior to the onset of dementia/Alzheimer's, Candi enjoyed traveling though the U.S., Mexico, Japan and Europe and had taken a number of cruises. She was fast to make friends and was always welcomed by all. Her hobbies had included sewing, art, beading, reading, writing and enjoying Rampart and fishing.

Candi was a member of Doyon, Ltd., Rampart Tribe, Baan O Yeel Kon Village Corporation (Rampart) and Fairbanks Retired Teachers Association. Candi had a deep spiritual belief and was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since she was a child. A tea was scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at St. Matthew's Church on First Avenue. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, a reception immediately, St. Matthew's church. At 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20, there will be a celebration of life at Denali Center, 1510 19th Ave. Special thanks to Don Thibedeau at Denali Center and the staff.

In lieu of flowers donations may be in Candi's name to Fairbanks Foodbank, Fairbanks Rescue Mission, Fairbanks Soup Kitchen or to a place that serves children.

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