

BUTLER, Altaire Kristin



April 9, 1968 – September 1, 2013

Our beloved Altaire passed away peacefully September 1st. Survived by her husband, Steve Rogers, and their two children Tildy and Sammy. Also survived by her parents, Ted and Vorna Butler of Victoria, four siblings and nine nieces and nephews. Born in San Antonio, Texas, Altaire grew up in Halifax and Victoria where she graduated from Mt. Doug high school. Altaire trained as both an occupational therapist (UBC) and public health manager (Nottingham University, UK) and this took her around the world, living and working in Canada, Australia, Vanuatu and the UK as well as many other countries where her travels took her. However, it was always her time in Vanuatu in the South Pacific that left the greatest impression. Working and travelling around its many islands, training local workers in community based rehabilitation, gave her the greatest thrill of her professional life. Vanuatu was also where she met and married her husband, Steve in 1998 and after seven years living in the UK, moved to Vancouver in 2005. Diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2008, Altaire opted to stay home with her children. However even faced with an uncertain future, Altaire continued to live life to the full with amazing grace and courage. Altaire will be remembered for her sunny personality, her sense of adventure, her love of travel and her concern for others. Named by her father after the brightest star in the summer triangle (Altair), Altaire was the brightest of stars in the lives of all who knew her. A service of remembrance to celebrate her life will be held at 10th Avenue Alliance Church, Vancouver at 1pm on Thursday September 26th. There will also be a service in Victoria at St. John the Divine Anglican Church 1611 Quadra St. at 2pm on October 6. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Brainiacs team, raising funds for brain tumour research at: www.conquercancer.ca/goto/paulchapman2014.