

Mary Frances Angela Nicholas was born August 30, 1958 in Nelson. Mary passed away peacefully on February 9, 2020 in the presence of her sister, Danielle and in the company of friends.

Mary was well loved, and we could see by her smile that she was well cared for and lived a happy life. Mary was supported for many years by the deeply committed and caring staff at Community Connections. Mary loved many things; sunlight on her face, sitting among the flowers in her garden, the scents and sounds of nature, visiting her sister's horses, listening to music, attending the many activities around Nelson, sharing great food and laughter with good company. The wonderful people in her life made sure she was surrounded by opportunities to

experience all these pleasures and then some. As her family, our hearts are happy knowing that she had a great life, thanks to each one of you. You make a difference.

Our family wishes to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Milde and the many nurses at Kootenay Lake Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Mary. We deeply appreciate that they understood the pain of losing a sister and did everything possible to prevent that from happening. We also wish to thank the dedicated staff at Community Connections and the many friends of Mary, including longtime friends who showed their kindness and devotion to Mary by easing her final days with companionship, love and laughter.

Mary is predeceased by her sister Sharron, brothers Joe and Lincoln, parents Zora and Charles and nephew Jacob. Mary is survived by Shirley (Ted), Tony (Deborah), Georgia (Bruno), Margi (Andy), Michele (Frank), Danielle, Nanci (Darren), Adam (Tiffany), Maureen (d. Lincoln), Kerry (d. Charles) and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Cathedral of Mary Immaculate at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 15, 2020, followed by interment at Nelson Memorial Cemetery. A Celebration of Mary's Life will be held immediately afterward in St. Joseph's School gymnasium – all are welcome. Please come and celebrate Mary, a wonderful, gentle and beautiful light of happiness.

Thompson Funeral Services has been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence on the family's online register at www.thompsonfs.ca