



Suzanne Claire Valiant

September 22, 1956 - December 12, 2024

After a courageous battle with cancer, Suzanne Claire (Akerley) Valiant passed away at the QEII in Halifax NS on December 12, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. Suzanne was born in Saint John, New Brunswick on September 22, 1956 to the late Rev. Canon George Charles Akerley and the late Audrey Claire (Smyth) Akerley. Suzanne graduated with a bachelors in business administration from Dalhousie University and at the peak of her career she worked for RSA Insurance as the Director of Claims and Corporate Services for Atlantic Canada. Suzanne found joy in many athletic activities throughout her life where her competitive spirit and dedication shone brightly. She spent several years as a volunteer ski patroller at Devil's Glen Country Club in Duntroon, Ontario. Some of her other favorite activities included field hockey, wind surfing, marathon running, and sea kayaking. Suzanne also loved to travel and saw much of the world. Among other things she made the best turkey stuffing and chocolate chip cookies.

Suzanne was reunited in passing with her husband and best friend, Edward John Valiant. Married on May 9th 1987 in Guelph Ontario, they built a life rooted in love, humor, and mutual support. Suzanne is survived by her son, Chase Valiant of Hammonds Plains, NS; sisters, Margaret Akerley (Neil) of Saint John, NB, and Heather Cowie (Mike) of Halifax, NS; nephew; Matthew Creamer; nieces, Katie Oliver, Amy, Haillea, and Gabriella Akerley; as well as great nieces; Kylie and Zuriah Oliver and great nephew Kyreese Oliver.

Besides her parents, Suzanne was also predeceased by her brothers, Bruce and John (Terri Lynn) Akerley.

Suzanne was fun-loving and radiated positive energy. She is dearly missed by her family and many friends, including her life long friend Lisa Bentley of Vancouver, BC. Suzanne will be remembered by the many of us whose lives she touched with her love, laughter, and kindness. Cremation has already taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.