

MARGARET SUSAN MCKEE

June 4, 1949 – July 1, 2007



Marg McKee joined the Barnet crew as a novice in 2004 and spread her enthusiasm for paddling to everyone in the boat. She was a coaches' dream. She worked hard at perfecting her stroke, continually asking questions and then going home and practicing with her paddle on her dining room table. This past season at Barnet (2007) she earned the position of right stroke as well as taking over the crew newsletter.

Marg was predeceased by her husband, Rick, in 2000. Two years later, Marg's younger sister Jeannie, died of cancer. Marg was diagnosed in 2003. She is survived by her wonderful son, Connor, who graduated from Simon Fraser University in 2006. Marg was so very proud of him.

Marg retired in June 2006 from a lustrous career as a Math teacher at New Westminster Secondary School. As well as belonging to Abreast in a Boat she was an active and beloved member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1993. She loved playing bridge and enjoyed attending bridge tournaments all over the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

Marg had a fabulous smile and lived life to the fullest. She loved a good political, educational or book discussion. She had a wealth of interests: she loved dancing and was taking line dancing so she could dance at the dragon boat regatta parties. She enjoyed going to the opera, plays and movies. Other loves were running and traveling. After retiring in 2006 she traveled to Europe, Hawaii, Vancouver Island, twice to Mexico and was planning a future trip to Greece or Italy. She was looking forward to paddling at the Naniamo Regatta in July, and was extremely excited about her September trip to Australia with the Deas crew.

Whatever Marg did, she put her whole heart into it. She truly epitomized what Abreast in A Boat is all about. She showed each and every one of us that there truly is life after breast cancer. A terrible and tragic accident took her life much too soon. We loved her smile, her passion, her enthusiasm and she will be deeply missed.

- Orrie Babiuk and Nell Remple