

BRENDA HERRIDGE



Brenda passed away on July 10, 2001 at the age of 31.

Brenda graduated from Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland in 1993 with a Registered Dietician degree. She made her way out west in 1998 first to Victoria, and then to Vancouver to find permanent work. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster as a dietician for the Geriatric Daycare and finally obtained a permanent position in Langley.

She was initially diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999. She became part of our team for the 2000 paddling season and proved to be a committed and powerful paddler. She was the youngest member of our crew and we called her "Our Baby". We surprised her with a large cake at the Deas

Island "Women's Only"(2000) competition to help her celebrate her 30th birthday. She loved to camp with her friends and was dedicated to exercising at the gym. She loved partying, alternative music, candles, plants and flowers.

At our Christmas party we received the bad news that she had a recurrence of her breast cancer. As sick as she was, we will all remember her taking the drummer's seat (May 2001) and yelling at us to feel the power! She reminded us to challenge life and to enjoy each moment. She showed us to be brave, courageous and hopeful in the face of insurmountable odds. And she taught us the importance of saying goodbye. We will miss her!

- Brenda Tierney