

# Nikol Fawcett



In 2017, when Nikol joined Fortitude, it was plain to see that she was a really special person. Small in stature but huge in personality, intelligence & athletic ability. She quickly became an integral part of the crew on and off the water.

Although she only paddled 2 years with us, she remained involved and enthusiastic about her crew. Whether it was an online escape room (where she kicked all our asses) or a share your talent zoom call (where she put us all to shame). She never gave up hope

Nikol loved hard. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter & friend.

Her inner strength was incredible. Just after being re-diagnosed and in terrible pain, she came to the Nanaimo regatta to support and cheer on her team. There is no doubt in my mind that her fortitude and spirit drove us to win the breast cancer challenge in 2019. She said we looked like a "beautiful caterpillar" on the water. Anyone who is familiar with dragon boat knows that caterpillars don't win races, but teams who are inspired by our beautiful Nikol do.

Her spirit and talent will live on with her crew through the songs and poetry she wrote about her beloved Fortitude.

It is impossible to forget a person who gave us so much to remember.

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