

In Memory of Syrjanen , Alana

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The family of Alana Syrjanen (Myers) announces with sadness her passing on January 9th, 2013 at the age of 54.

Always a creative person, most of her interests laid within the arts community. She very much valued the creative process and developing pieces that others might enjoy. Several local charities have benefited from her gifts.

She loved to cook, especially when leading up to an evening of potluck with her delightful friends and she could often be found tending to her flowers with her beloved Phoebe trailing behind. At the end of the day, what pleased her most was being Mom.



Photo from The Walleye

Alana is survived by her husband of 35 years, Jack, cherished son Joshua (Carrina), parents Nancy and Paul, dearest sister Paula, brothers; Randy (Shelley), Marshall (Nancy), grandmother Betty Garbutt and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her grandfather, Dave Garbutt and grandmother, Kay Myers.

As per Alana's wishes cremation has taken place; interment at a later date. Should you desire, donations to Toronto Hospital for Sick Children Foundation or the Stephen Lewis Foundation would be appreciated.

plant a flower~feed a bird

The Walleye Fireweed Display Pays Tribute to Alana Syrjanen January 15, 2013

On January 9, 2012, Thunder Bay lost one of its well-known artists with the passing of Alana Syrjanen. Alana's range of artistic talent had no boundaries—some of her favourite subjects were crows, flowers, dried and found objects. She used poetry and quotes to enhance her art.

To honour Alana, her friends and fellow artists have set up a display of her work, taken from their private collections, at Fireweed on Algoma Street. The display runs from January 14 – 26. The public is invited to come and see the works of this outstanding artist.