



Glenna Zelinski
1970 - 2002



Funeral Service
Yellowknife United Church
Yellowknife, NT
1:00 PM, August 6, 2002

Ushers
John Bowen
Hugh Richardson

Memorial Book Attendant
Cindy Dies

Interment of Cremated Remains
3:00 PM, August 6, 2002
Home of Glenn and Debi Zelinski
Km. 34, Ingraham Trail
Prelude Ridge, NWT

Order of Ceremony
Instrumental Music
John Tees

Welcome
Reverend Liz Richards

Glenna's Requested Song
"Hey, Mr. Tambourine Man" by
John Tees & George Tucaroo

Scripture Reading
Reverend Liz Richards

Eulogy
Glenn Zelinski

Words of Remembrance
Fred Hunt & Others

Scripture Reading & Meditation
Reverend Liz Richards

Song
Mose Butt & Moses Butt

Closing Prayer & Benediction
Reverend Liz Richards

Glenna Mae Zelinski

Born August 4 1970, London, Ontario

Passed away Friday July 26, 2002, Edmonton, Alberta

Glenna was born in London Ontario, and lived in Atikokan until she was 10, when the Zelinski family, Glenn, Karen, and Melanie, moved to Yellowknife. Glenna attended St. Joseph's school, and then Sir John Franklin, where she graduated in 1988. After working for a year in Yellowknife, Glenna studied for a year at Okanogan College. Upon returning, Glenna worked in the service industry, and her smiling face was familiar to customers at Jan's Card and Gifts, Lady Footlocker, and Treelike Trappings before she settled in to Polar Vision in 1992, to become an optician and eventually the store manager. Through her work, Glenna traveled throughout the arctic, and got to know many people. She was serious about her job, but knew that a happy workplace was the best; so, customers and visitors to Polar Vision were often greeted by hearty laughter and a sincere welcome.

Glenna was a loving and caring individual who willingly gave of herself and truly cared for people. Her family and friends always came first and she never allowed the physical distance between her and her family to be a barrier to knowing and loving them. She always knew what was going on in each of their lives, and held tight to the bonds that make a family. Glenna met her partner Steve Wasserman in 1991 and they built a life together. They shared the unique bond of those who are truly in love and the friendship of those who like each other. Glenna's love and devotion to the many children in her life was exceptional. As a big sister, an aunt, or a friend, Glenna gave her heart to each of the children and they all felt as comfortable with her as they did with their own parents. It would be impossible to conceive a better friend than Glenna. As with her family, she often put the needs of her friends before her own. An ever present rock, Glenna was our psychiatrist, psychic, spiritual advisor, empathetic and sympathetic ear; she served as a surrogate mother or sister; and she was the organizer who said "enough, it's time to get yourself together." She knew when and how to make you laugh, or to let you cry. She knew that silence could be comforting, but also knew how to make you talk. Glenna touched our lives in countless ways.

Glenna is survived her husband Steve Wasserman; her dad and step-mom Glenn and Debi Zelinski; her mom and step-dad Karen and Jason McKenzie; her sister and brother-in-law Melanie Zelinski, Todd Kilpatrick and their son Tai; brothers Christopher, Scott, and Jacob McKenzie; grandparents Ida and Nick Koswan and Cecile and Max Zelinski; uncles and aunts Ken, Cleve, Kerry, Conley, Coleen, Shirley, Elaine, Maxine, Betty, Marvin, and their families; pets, Kayla, Sebastian, and Be Be; as well numerous friends. Words cannot describe how deeply Glenna will be missed.

Across the night sky a shooting star travels
a bright spark to enjoy for a moment
moving quickly then suddenly gone
leaving blackness
but staring into emptiness you know
something special has touched your soul
and changed to become a part of you
you feel a spark of light in your heart and know
Glenna was, and is, our friend.



When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through
the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same;
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort
and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*