

Strickland, Anita Cool

April 12, 2023



Anita Cool Strickland

Anita Cool Strickland passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at age 69 years, surrounded by her loving husband Tom and children Tara and Adam, after a brave and courageous battle with leukemia. In addition to her husband and two kids, Anita is survived by her brothers, Don (Gloria) and Louis (Margaret) Cool; brother-in-law, Terry Fisher; as well as their extended families; various aunts and uncles, as well as many in-laws from Tom's side. She was predeceased by her father, Gerard Cool; mother, Adeline (née: Koza); and sister, Marlene Fisher.

Anita was born in Imperial, SK in 1953 to Adeline and Gerard Cool. She lived in Simpson, SK until 1964 when the family moved to a farm near Davidson, SK. She graduated from high school in Davidson and continued her education at STI (now Saskatchewan Polytechnic) in Moose Jaw. Anita had a successful career as a

Co-op Education Coordinator at SIAST from 1987 until she retired in 2018. She was very proud of the strong work ethic she developed from growing up on the farm. The prairies and farm life always held a special place in her heart.

Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Anita, knew that she was a kind, thoughtful and loyal friend who found great joy in bringing happiness to others. She was always up for fun and never said no to a new adventure. Anita enjoyed all things plants and spent many hours in her backyard tending to bird houses and feeders. She brought a sparkle to the lives of all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed by many.

Throughout her life, Anita had a close walk with the Lord and found great strength and comfort in her faith.

Anita wanted to give a special thank you to the staff on 3B at the Pasqua Hospital, and the staff at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina, SK, as well as all caregivers at the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw.

The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Moose Jaw Funeral Home with Celebrant Dave Foley officiating. Those not able to attend may view the service virtually by going to www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/. In lieu of flowers, Anita wished for those who remember her to consider a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, 1910 McIntyre St, Regina, SK S4P 2R3 or The Moose Jaw Humane Society, Box 1658 Station Main, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 7K7. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth – Intern Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



[Lori and Byron Benson](#) on April 12, 2023 at 8:13 pm

My condolences to Tom and your family. We had many good laughs together. Will miss your comments to me on Facebook. ♥️

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David Graham-Banman on April 13, 2023 at 6:37 am

Tom and family. I am very saddened to hear of your loss.

Sincerely, David Graham Banman

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2.



Tracey & Dennis Zwozdesky on April 13, 2023 at 8:49 am

Tom, Adam and Tara, our deepest condolences to you at this sad time. Anita's love and light will always be with you.

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3.



Ted Mortenson on April 13, 2023 at 10:24 am

Condolences to Tom and family. I knew Anita when we were students together at STI. Tom and I were work colleagues as well in the early 80's.

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4.



Francis & Val Cool on April 13, 2023 at 11:08 am

Our condolences to you and your family Tom from Francis and Val Cool

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5.



George Kefford on April 13, 2023 at 12:51 pm

I'm so very sorry to learn of the passing of Anita. Both Shanon (deceased) and I had the pleasure of working with her at SIAST. My sincere condolences go out to Tom and family.

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6.



Marie and Larry Nadeau on April 13, 2023 at 3:42 pm

Big hugs being sent your way!!
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Anita's families at this time. She always had the biggest and most beautiful smile.

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7.



Ed Tingley on April 14, 2023 at 10:46 pm

To Tom and family
Big condolences for the recent loss of Anita

I will always remember our conversations on the back deck
when I painted your house.
Sorry for your loss

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8.



Jim and Beda on April 15, 2023 at 9:58 am

Dear Tom and Family

We are so sorry to hear about Anita. She was such a
wonderful and warm person who truly sparkled. We have fond
memories of getting to know her when you and Anita were
beginning your life and family together. Wishing you and
Tara and Adam peace and comfort with cherished memories.
Jim and Beda

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9.



D P Scherr on April 15, 2023 at 8:22 pm

Dearest Tom and family.

So sorry to hear of the passing of Anita! My most heart
felt condolences go out to you and your family. I did not
know Anita for very long as she started working at SIAST
just as I was moving on in my career. Always remembering
her laugh and smile.

Dorothy

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10.



Lisa Grudnizki on April 27, 2023 at 11:34 pm

I worked with Anita for 13 years at SaskPolytech/SIAST. I was saddened to hear of her passing. My deepest condolences to Tom, Tara and Adam. She always had a sparkle in her eye whenever she spoke of you three. I'm sorry her retirement years were met with cancer. She was one of the hardest working people I knew. May you cherish your memories you made as a family. Take care. Wishing you peace in your hearts.

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11.



Don and Val Morrison and family on April 28, 2023 at 6:42 am

Such a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! Sending all of our love and condolences to you, Adam and Tara and your extended family. May she rest in peace. Lots of love

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12.



Tetyana on April 28, 2023 at 12:29 pm

Mes sincères condoléances pour la famille . Beaucoup de courage.

Que son âme soit en paix !

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13.



Sheila Morris Dean on April 28, 2023 at 2:07 pm

Condolances to you all .Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Anita was a Wonderful Lady and will be so missed.

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14.



Luigi Mazzotti on March 6, 2024 at 6:16 pm

We are saddened to learn of Anita's passing over a year ago. Condolences to her entire family and friends. I had the pleasure of attending STI with Anita during her time there and I recall her election as the "Snow Queen" that year. She was continuously involved with school activities and a great ambassador until her retirement. She assisted my firm with many student placements over the years and I enjoyed working with her each year. A true professional and passionate about her work, her students, the school and her family she will be dearly missed by all.

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