

Family came first for Janet Marshall

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Janet Marshall

Family was the centre of Jan Marshall's life, and her family, combined with her tremendous personal strength sustained her through her long battle with cancer. She passed away in her rural Acton home with her family around her on Dec. 2. She was 52.

Her last outing was to see her son Bryce graduate as a fire fighter on Oct. 8. She had spent the day taking tests at hospital in Hamilton and insisted on attending the graduation despite learning of a new and serious complication with her illness.

"She never backed away from a challenge she believed in," says her husband, Halton Region Chief Executive Officer Brent Marshall. "She never complained about her ailments. It's hard to be that strong, - that tough."

She was also heavily involved in caring for her parents who are in ill health.

Born Janet Ann Braid, she grew up in Acton and met her husband, Brent Marshall, at high school.

"We were high school sweethearts," he says. "She liked the rebel in me."

Despite her tough mindedness, she was never pushy. There was never any intent to climb social, economic or career ladders. She was just there, strong and supportive, for her husband and family

It was around that time that the Halton Hills Fire Department asked her to do some work for them and she began doing dispatch a few days a month. With her husband having been on the force for many years, it was a natural fit for her. She loved the camaraderie and became a full time dispatcher seven or eight years ago.

Active in basketball and volleyball in high school, Jan transferred her athletic efforts to softball and played competitively at the Junior Girls level until she had young children. She also loved her curling and participated in that sport with an afternoon ladies league.

Jan was involved with the community as a past president and life member of the Acton Agricultural Society and as a 25-year member of St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League.

She was also Test Chair of the Acton Figure Skating Club and worked hard to strengthen and improve the organization. Because her elder daughter was involved with four world championship teams of Black Ice (out of Burlington) she was able to bring back a lot of information and experience to the skaters in the Acton club to encourage them in the sport. She also helped with organizing a lot of national and international events through her association

with the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

Jan loved her home and spent a lot of time on her yard and her flowers, and on decorating the house.

She also loved to cook.

She was first diagnosed with cancer in June of 2000, Marshall says. It appeared the disease was in remission for a few months last year. Then in February, doctors discovered it had returned.

Jan leaves her husband Brent and her children Bryce, Bronwyn and Edyn, at home. She is also survived by her parents Rino and Shirley Braid, and her younger brother David, and his wife Janis, all of Acton.

Visitation and a prayer vigil will be held for Jan at Blue Springs Funeral Home followed by a funeral mass from St. Joseph's Church, Acton at 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

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