



YUSUF, Zeelina

June 16, 1959 – July 22, 2020. It is with great sadness that the family announces the unexpected passing of Zeelina Yusuf at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener. The world has lost a wonderful mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and dear friend.

Zeelina endured several years of treatments for various ailments that were directly related to diabetes. Most recently, she experienced kidney failure and was on dialysis for the past few years. She fought this uphill battle valiantly. As her body and mind slowly lost to a war of attrition she still pushed on as best as she could.

Zeelina leaves behind her wonderful son, Adam, whom she was so incredibly proud of. She was the devoted and loving wife of the late Mohamed Hanif Yusuf (2006). She will be greatly missed by her parents Sultan and Bebe Nazmoon Alli, as well as her siblings Bebi Linnesa (Karim), Zahidally (Bertha), Farook (Nadira), Zureena, Mackhlouf and the late Fazir (2006). Zeelina will be lovingly remembered by many extended family members in Canada, the United States and Guyana.

Shortly after Zeelina and Mohamed arrived in Canada in the late 70's she began working for Protection Products in Guelph. She was committed and worked hard there for 20 years, while also forming close friendships that endured until this very day. In the latter years she became a supervisor after obtaining a certificate in Industrial Engineering from Conestoga College. Looking for a career change in

the early 2000's, Zeelina then pursued further schooling in order to work as a PSW. She soon found employment at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Guelph and stayed there until a few years ago when her health issues forced her to take leave from her position.

Zeelina brought so much love and kindness into this world and leaves with a piece of our hearts. She could be stubborn at times but she was also selfless, kind, compassionate, nonjudgmental and honest. Above all, she was a survivor. Despite past sorrows and the physical pain she felt in more recent years, Zeelina kept on fighting to be here every day for as long as she could. She also raised her son, Adam, to be a survivor and knew that when she left this world he would be able to continue to live his life in her absence. She has left us peacefully for the afterlife; there is no more suffering, no more pain, and no more reason for us to despair. Her love remains in this world and she has now found peace.

Zeelina's family would like to sincerely thank all of the doctors, nurses, PSW's and Social Workers who helped and showed kindness to her over the years.

A private service was held on July 24, 2020 at Kitchener Funeral Homes & Crematorium Inc. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Guelph.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or to Diabetes Canada in her name would be greatly appreciated by the family.