



Catherine Elizabeth Tomkins

December 29, 1965 - July 23, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine “Cathy” Elizabeth Tomkins (nee Robeson) at the age of 58 years old, on July 23rd 2024 in Bakersfield, California. Cathy is the beloved mother of Matthew “Matt” Mlikan (of Bakersfield, California), daughter of Bev and Gord Robeson (of Canada) and sister of Christine “Tina” Robeson (of Canada). Cathy is the proud grandmother to Scarlett and Jayde Mlikan who she always made sure to take care of in many ways. She is also a very devoted dog mom.

Cathy was born and raised in Toronto, Canada and studied there to be a nurse which became her passion in life. She moved to Bakersfield, California as an adult, with her son Matthew, and brought her vast skills to her nursing roles there. Her other passion was her absolute love of dogs having many dog/fur babies over the years that brought her great comfort and joy. As a dedicated nurse and caregiver in life, it is not surprising that Cathy’s last wish and act as a nurse will be organ donation to help those in need. Cathy’s family thank all of her nursing friends and colleagues, who along with the Kern County Nurse Honor Guard and hospital staff at Adventist Health, acknowledged her 37 years of nursing service with a very touching Nurse’s Honor Walk as she made her final journey out of the hospital. This gives great comfort and pride for her family and friends.

There will not be a funeral but will be a celebration of life at some time in the future. In lieu of flowers, her family asks for donations to either an animal/dog shelter, a research foundation for Heart & Stroke, or a charity for impoverished

children in other countries.