



Dr. Elaine Sigurdson

"Elaine was the daughter of Raymond and Alma Sigurdson, who farmed in the Minerva district near Gimli. She was born in 1955, and grew up on the busy farm, with her 5 siblings. She was a hard worker with a zest for life, excelling in both academics and sports. She never backed down on any challenge. She is also remembered as a very kind person with a consuming interest in people and what makes them tick. These qualities served her very well in her chosen career of medical doctor.

Elaine studied at the University of Manitoba, and completed her internship and residency requirements in Regina and Ontario. Soon after meeting all of the requirements to be a doctor, she moved to Denmark with her husband Otto Larsen. By that time, she had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She practiced medicine in Denmark, but her career was cut short by the limitations of her illness. She did not let her illness stop her from raising two sons, being an excellent cook and gardener, staying active in the volunteer sector and nurturing many friendships.

Elaine found the Danish culture a good fit with her strong belief in social justice and compassion toward all. Her love of life and curious mind never wavered. Even in the later stages of her illness, when she was dealing with the many limitations to her physical capabilities, she continued to find ways to help others, including being a regular visitor to the elderly.

Her connection with her family remained strong throughout. Elaine died of a complication of her illness at the young age of 59, and her life remains an inspiration to her family and many friends."