

# ***Dragon Busters - Inaugural Team – 1999***



## ***Willa Fowles***

*Willa was born October 8, 1941, brought up in Winnipeg, MB and graduated from St. James Collegiate in 1959 and the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing in 1963.*

*Willa made the big move into marriage and motherhood when she moved to Brandon in 1968 and subsequently raised six children while working as a nurse administrator and teacher at three major Brandon health and educational institutions. She retired in 2007 as clinical coordinator and nurse educator in the School of Health Studies at Brandon University. Willa enjoys sports and leisure time with her husband and family and spends as many hours as able at her cottage at Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota.*

*Willa was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997 at the age of 56, followed by lumpectomy and radiation. In 2006 a recurrence in the same breast necessitated mastectomy and she opted for the bilateral. She is grateful for the routine mammograms that “caught” her breast cancer early and remains optimistic that she and her sister (diagnosed within four months of her) will have the pleasure of each other’s company for many years to come.*

*An inaugural member of the Westman Dragon Busters, she continues to enjoy and benefit from the support and camaraderie of her Waves of Hope crew members. Paddles UP!!!*



## ***Richard and Ursula Hiebert***

*Richard and Ursula were instructors from the YMCA who assisted the inaugural team to get in shape and prepare for dragon boating in 1999 and part of the 2000 season.*