

New 2003 Waves of Hope

Lori Main

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Iris Reilly

Iris is a Registered Nurse and is the Program Manager of 300 Surgery at the Brandon Regional Health Center. She is married to John and they have three children; Cameron, Brendon and Janine.

Iris was diagnosed with stage II (aggressive) breast cancer in January 2003. She had a mastectomy that same month, followed by six months of (twice a month) chemotherapy and will continue on tamoxifen for five years. It was a "whirl wind" of a year for the family!!!

Iris joined the Waves of Hope while still completing the chemotherapy regime. The support and the encouragement from this group of women has been an asset to the recovery time. The group has a wealth of knowledge that has been a real benefit. She enjoys the paddling even if it is hard work and looks forward to the next season on "The Lake"

Her husband John has enjoyed meeting all the partners of the team and the trips to the various dragon boat festivals.



Merle Robinson

Merle graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1965, accepted a Social Work position in Swan River (at that time considered a way up north). She went on a "blind date" after she moved to Swan and 'that was that'. She and Con married in 1966.

Con and Merle have two beautiful daughters, Terell and Kelly. Both are married. Terell and Rick live in Killarney, Manitoba and had their first baby in November 2003. Kelly and Clint live outside Ottawa.

Merle had surgery in 1996 - lumpectomy with radiation and chemo. (two lymph nodes were positive) and the five year stint with tamoxifen.

Merle's husband Con was unbelievable in his support and continues to be her confidante when fear strikes, when she experiences some unexplained pain or some other questionable symptom of the dread disease.

Merle is an avid reader - mysteries to politics, a regular walker, goes to the gym five mornings a week, is on the Pastoral Care Committee for the United Church and loves to sing. She is grateful for her life, her good health and her family and friends.

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