

Kate (Catherine) King



1961-2011
49 Years



In 2004 my strong and healthy mother told my two brothers and myself that she had Breast Cancer. Just like that, our world was rocked. We then watched her undergo chemotherapy, lose her hair and have operation after operation. Cancer is unfair.

Yet this unremitting, uncompromising and unprejudiced disease does something unexpected, it unites us. Hearing the words "I have Breast Cancer" come from my mother's mouth profoundly changed me. It changed us as individuals and also as a family. It changed the way we spoke to one another, the way we treated one another and the way we lived our lives. Ironically, Cancer changed us for the better. Cancer made us better people, and a stronger, more loving family.

Mama was, and always will be my best friend and I hope someday to be half the person she was. She always looked forward, and planned for the future. She never let negative thoughts or any diagnosis get the better of her. She envisioned seeing her children get married, meeting her grandchildren and growing old with the love of her life. People often say, "If anyone deserved a miracle it was your mum". She was blessed with many miracles. She had three children that idolised her, had a Husband that loved her unconditionally, had friends that cherished her, had family and extended family that adored her and she was blessed with 6 more years when doctors only gave her 6 months in April 2005. She was our Hero. No, she didn't get the miracle we all hoped for but she had many miracles in this lifetime, ones that most people can only dream about.

Mama was inspiring, giving, loving and a fighter. She took her last breath on the morning of Anzac day 2011. She was our solidier, she fought for her family, her friends, and for the life she loved. She fought with everything she had, and never once complained about the hand she had been dealt in this life. I miss her every second of every day, but I feel her with me all the time, and I know I will see her again someday.

You will forever be in my heart and my Pocket Mama. I love you. Love Always, Lydia Rose xoxo



"Kate was the most beautiful wife and will always be remembered for her kind heart to all the people she came into contact with, her loving spirit and most of all her fighting spirit. It was not money or any possession that was important to Kate but her family as in her 3 beautiful children and her husband. No one really knows what she endured over those 7 years however she was determined to be here for her family and friends and would always be smiling. I will always remember her in the chemo ward engaging with other people undergoing chemo to give them light and hope. She had a special gift to impart on our world. I will be forever grateful of the 27 beautiful years I was allowed to be by her side. Most people feel sad at when it had to end however I feel so lucky to have been given the chance of Kate in my life and she will always be part of my heart. I see her every day in our children and I will always feel forever blessed for her guidance and love. Love always Stub xxx" – **Stephen, Husband**

"There are few certainties in life, however my best friend always gifted me the certainty we were friends by choice and sisters by heart. I miss her face, but feel the love she placed in my heart every day." – **Lisa, Best Friend**

"Mum was the strongest woman I will ever know. She fought for her family and the people she loved, and gave up everything for others, never wanting anything in return. I miss her and love her. She is forever in my thoughts and my heart. I love you Mum" – **Morgan, Son**

"My Aunt Kate was 2yrs older than me & my best friend growing up. We spent most holidays together & they were the happiest days of my life. I never imagined for one minute that we wouldn't grow old together & that I would one day eventually be older than her. She was fun & beautiful & I loved her more than anything. When Kate became sick with Breast cancer I was in shock, I was blown away by the way she handled herself through her 7yr fight. I was so proud of her & humbled to be her niece. I miss her every day & will for the rest of my life. I am lucky to have her 3 beautiful children in my life & can always see her in them, especially her daughter Lydia." – **Susan, Niece**

"Throughout mum's battle, she was constantly an inspiration to all. She touched so many people with her love, compassion, kindness and strength. She taught me many things, and I wouldn't be the man I am today without her being my light to cut through the darkness. Love you mum."
– **Alex, Son**

"Kate lived her life and especially her battle with cancer with courage and dignity. Watching her and feeling her Grace and Love will have a ripple effect that will remain with us all forever. I feel her with me all the time and this in turn gives me courage to live my best life. She lives on through all that loved her." – **Virginia, Niece**

"When I think of my friend Kate the words that come to mind are 'Love', for the Love that she showered upon her family and friends. 'Laughter', for the infectious feeling of joy that was shared whenever I was around her. And 'Courage', Kate had the ability to make positive choices during her illness, she decided to keep each challenge simple and to roll up her sleeves and keep busy. A real inspiration to me then and still today and for that I am forever grateful. My heart skips a beat every time I think of her" – **Terri, Best Friend**