



Lilly Borges Oldham

Second Language Scholarship Fund

Born to German immigrant parents, Lilly knew first hand the importance of a second, and third, language. Her passion for life, languages and learning were clearly evident in her world travels with her husband, Stuart, and in her exceptional contributions to education in the Northwest Territories.

Lilly inspired a generation of young people in Yellowknife over the past twenty years, infusing them with her thirst for lifelong learning and her passion for languages and cultures. A long-term employee of Yellowknife Education District No. 1, Lilly was dedicated to her students, colleagues and profession in both administrative and teaching posts. She was instrumental in the development of French immersion programs in Yellowknife and served as the territorial representative of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers for five years.

Lilly died two days before her 49th birthday after a courageous battle with cancer. She will be remembered for the enthusiasm and energy she brought to her work, the courage and strength she showed in difficult times and her straightforward “no nonsense” approach to life.

To help continue Lilly’s passion for bilingualism and multiculturalism, a memorial scholarship fund has been established to assist students entering post-secondary studies in languages and/or cultures.

Donations to the Lilly Borges Oldham Second-Language Scholarship Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.
