

"Who or what we've become relates back to the people who brought us into this world....

Dad always said no one can ever take an education away from you."

Paula, from the introduction to her art piece, *The Four Elements - Earth, Water, Wind, Fire.*



Four Elements, Paula Gallant 2005

There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence transform a yellow spot into the sun.

- Pablo Picasso



Paula Anne Gallant

December 5, 1969 - December 27, 2005

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings.

The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element... for the soul of the child.

- Carl Jung

PAULA ANNE GALLANT - 36, Timberlea, formerly of Glace Bay.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paula on December 27, 2005. Born in Glace Bay, Paula was predeceased by her parents, Paul and Dianne Gallant.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jason MacRae; her beautiful baby daughter Anna Paul; sisters Lana (Paul) Kenny, Lynn (Alain) Blackburn and special niece and nephews Emily and Dylan Kenny, Connor and Timothy Blackburn, Conor O'Boyle; grandmothers Lena Gallant, Prince Edward Island; Tena Starr, Gardiner Mines, NS; in-laws Wayne and Shirley MacRae, Hamilton, Ontario, formerly New Glasgow; sister-in-law Jackie (Rory) O'Boyle; brother -in -law Lloyd (Nathalie) MacRae, many aunts and uncles

Paula was a grade three teacher at Beechville Lakeside Timberlea School. Paula was actively involved in her school and community, and art was one of her passions. She was currently pursuing her Certificate in Visual Arts at NSCAD. Paula was doing this not only to enrich her life but the lives of the students she taught. Her love of teaching was always evident in the creativity and passion she brought to her job and the fondness and warmth she displayed to her students. Friends and family always appreciated her sense of humor, quick wit and positive outlook on life. In a gathering, people gravitated towards Paula because she was a constant source of entertainment. Her sisters, Lynn and Lana were her closest friends with barely a day going by without seeing or talking to each other. Paula's life became even more enriched when she married her beloved Jason and then the birth of their beautiful baby Anna in January 2005. Her happiest time in life was this past year with her new family. This radiated from Paula and was often displayed with her creativity when taking pictures of Anna and Jason and the compilations she would send to family and friends and through the journals, scrapbooks, and stories she wrote for Anna.

Paula will be dearly missed by all her family, friends, co-workers and students. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home, 6552 Bayers Rd, Halifax where visitation will be held 1 – 4:30 pm on Sunday January 1, 2006 and funeral service on Monday at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church, Lakeside with Father James Richards officiating. A reception will follow in the church hall. Interment to follow at St, Margarets of Scotland Church, Glen Margaret. Flowers greatly accepted. Donations may be made to a trust fund for Anna Paul MacRae at any ScotiaBank branch or mailed to Scotia Bank, 3650 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, NS B3Z 4R3

The Mass of Christian Burial Paula Anne Gallant January 2, 2006

Presider: Father James Richards

Introductory Rites

Greeting and Procession

Gathering Hymn: For the Bea

Acknowledgment From Family

Opening Prayer

For the Beauty of the Earth CBW 531

Andre MacLean (fourth sister and dear friend to all)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Richelle Williams (friend, fellow teacher) Wisdom 4:7-15

Responsorial Psalm All the Ends of the Earth CBW 548

Second Reading Heather (Symms) Veinot (Paula's longtime friend) John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: 256

Gospel Deacon David Shortt

Homily

General Intercessions Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Gift Bearers Tim and Connor Blackburn (nephews of Paula and Jason)

Hymn You Are the Voice CBW 576

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: Bread Of Life CBW 597A

Reflection Song: I Will Remember You and An Irish Blessing

Closing Rites

Final Commendation Songs of the Angels CBW 10C

Blessing

Closing Hymn: On Eagle's Wings G&P 178

Pall Bearers

Alan MacEachern (family friend from Glace Bay)

John Hoage (Jason's longtime friend) Nancy Maxner (Paula's longtime friend)

Jennifer Surrette (Paula's friend and colleague)

Leonard Gallant (Paula's uncle) Wayne MacRae (Jason's father)

CBW - Catholic Book of Worship