

## **Kate (O'Meara) Wadsworth (RIP)**

*by Helena Janicki*

Kate was a true all-rounder at Northview - generally being really good at everything. She achieved excellent Matric results, played several sports well, took an active part in the Dramatic Society and all other school events - in particular becoming Head Girl.

After school Kate went to Natal University, (in Pietermaritzburg) where she got a 1st class degree in English and Psychology and went on to do Honours in English as well as participating in many committees other social activities.

After University, she lived and worked in Johannesburg where she married Bob Wadsworth with whom she had a daughter Tracey and son Charles. Bob worked in advertising and got a transfer to New York where they settled in Connecticut - a lovely part of the US - and eventually earned their green cards becoming US citizens. Because Bob travelled a lot for work he earned many air-miles and Kate used these to great advantage to join him whenever he was visiting some part of the World she was interested in and it also enabled her to keep in touch with friends and family - particularly their children who attended universities in distant parts of the US.

They finally settled in Virginia and it was not long after their move there that Kate became ill with cancer which, despite her strong fight-back against it, finally took her life in 2003.

To the end Kate remained a fine example to others showing the same of determination and positive outlook she'd had from her schooldays and throughout her life.

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