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**IN MEMORY**

# GOODBYE, MY FRIEND

*My heart is both heavy from your loss and lightened for having known you*

▼  
by Renée LaChance



PHOTO BY ELLEN HANSEN

Ariel with Rocky, one of her dogs (her other dog, Singer, is not pictured)

*"Happiness sits at my feet like the sweet swamp mud  
adding frosting to the bullfrog's dinner."*

—Ariel Waterwoman, 1988

I sat and sat, waiting for her gurney to come off the elevator from the recovery room of Good Samaritan Hospital. I planned to follow her to her room and help her get settled after a long and arduous surgery, the second in two months. Instead the good Dr. Angela Kalisiak found me and said, "Ariel's taken a bad turn in the recovery room—you need to make a decision." Let her go or force her to stay.

Ariel had been bravely and courageously battling

colon cancer since October 1993. This was her fourth surgery. During the course of the disease, she overcame partial paralysis due to a brain tumor, radiation sickness, chemotherapy, three surgeries, fatigue, and changes to her body that broke her heart. She was always optimistic and headstrong in her pursuit of optimum health. She continually amazed the doctors with her will to survive and her ability to triumph over insurmountable medical odds. This day, her poor, cancer-worn little body could fight no more, and it was

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