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CAMERON (Huntly) Very suddenly at home Thursday, March 1, Lorna, aged 52 years, much loved wife of Norman, mum to Michael, Emma and Lauren, granny to Zara Rose, daughter of Willson and Kathleen. Funeral service at Strathbogie Church, Huntly on Thursday, March 8, at 10.00a.m thereafter to Huntly Cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, at church door in aid of British Heart Foundation.

Lorna Cameron

Inspirational leader in the Guide movement and Strathbogie Church supporter

Obituary

A LEADING light in the Guide movement in Huntly and further afield has died suddenly.

Lorna Cameron who was 52, collapsed and died as she returned home from work on March 1.

Born in Aberdeen, Lorna moved to Huntly with her parents Wilson and Kathleen Morrison and sister Susie when she was seven years old and the family made their home at McIver Terrace.

While still a teenager, she met, Norman Cameron from Dufftown, the man who was to become her husband, at a disco in the Huntly Hotel.

They moved to Aberdeen and settled there, marrying in 1985 but in 2008 with their three children, Michael 27, Emma 25 and Lauren 20 they returned to Huntly. She volunteered at GRA and then secured a position there and at the time of her death was the popular receptionist at Duncan and Todd opticians.

Lorna had been involved in Guide units in Aberdeen initially as a parent helper and then as a leader. On her return to Huntly, one of the first things she did was volunteer her services to the local units and she quickly assumed responsibility for Brownies and Guides, spending at least two evenings a week at the Guide Hut.

She had a spell as a district commissioner and at her funeral Guides attended in their uniforms to pay their respects. Her commitment to the movement was recognised when she was invited to the Queen's Garden Party at Holyrood.



Lorna Cameron celebrating at one of the Holyrood garden parties.

District Commissioner Paula Sangster described Lorna's commitment, energy and enthusiasm as an inspiration.

She said: "Nothing was too much trouble for Lorna and she was a dear friend to us all. We will miss her greatly."

Debbie Haefner and Shona McWilliam were Brownie leaders when Lorna joined the unit and were overwhelmed by the knowledge and experience she brought to the unit.

Debbie said: "We went on camps every year to various places including Fyvie, Cullen and Templars Park, all of which

Lorna arranged from start to finish. As well as Brownies, Lorna ran Guides and did a long stint as District Commissioner, overseeing all the units in Huntly and Rhynie. She was passionate about her role in Guiding, always helpful, fun and patient. She will be sorely missed by all."

She had a strong Christian faith and immersed herself in the life of Strathbogie Church as a Sunday School teacher, assisting at Messy Church and attending a Bible study group.

She supported Norman, an ultra and marathon runner in all his exploits, driving him to far flung events - although never accepting responsibility if they got lost en route.

She was always at the finish line and on longer events met Norman at predetermined points with sustenance or dry clothing.

Although a heart condition prevented her from running, Lorna willingly clerked at events where Norman was competing.

A devoted granny to 19 month old Zara, whom she looked after on a regular basis, she was looking forward to the family's trip to Cyprus in October where Emma is to marry her fiancé Danny.

Following her mum's death, Emma asked friends not to give her gifts on her birthday, yesterday, but instead make a donation to the British Heart Foundation, setting herself a target of £1000. Earlier this week, the amount donated stood at over £4000 and as a result of the funeral collection and a fundraising venture which Lorna had been doing, the family expect to be able to donate at least £6000 to the charity.