



## Christine Maritz (1963 – 2021)

This Zen Garden was the creative idea of Christine Maritz. Christine was a long-time resident of Cedar Lakes, a well-known and much-loved personality who spent a lot of her time and money on beautifying Cedar Lakes in her role as the Chairlady of the Environmental Committee.



Christine had a larger-than-life spirit, an extraordinary love for children and all creatures. Her fun-loving nature and her enthusiasm for life was inspirational to many people. She never judged and was always welcoming to everyone she met. Christine was a colourful, bright, sparkly, free spirit with incredible kindness and a huge heart. She was also a bold and very smart woman that took the sides of those in trouble or need and always stood up for what was right.

Christine, her husband Francois and their beloved dog Charlie Brown were killed in a car accident on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 on their way to Sedgefield.

Environmental Committee Director from 2017 – 2020

Environmental Committee member under Director Albert Munting 2014 – 2017

### Her Environmental Committee Projects – some of which were only completed by her successor:

Early 2017: Zen Garden around the Owl Pen

June 2018: Owl Release Programme and HOA Funding

Bat Programme

New braai places

Revamp of the Ridge Park

October 2019: Planning Aloe Garden upper Village – rescuing & organizing 40+ aloe plants

New benches and tables

Pathways

Bee Apiary – idea and planning

Butterfly Park in the Veldgrass of The Paddocks – idea

Christine was a member and fund raiser of Down Syndrome Association

Her priority was nature conservation. Amongst other interests, she was well-versed in snake handling, birding, fishing, and gardening.

One of her many hobbies was helicopter flying with her husband Francois Maritz.

