Obituaries

COOPER, George

Officers and Members of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 488 are erquested to attend a Funeral Service for our late Brother, George Cooper, 10:00 a.m., Irsday November 17, 2005 at nories Funeral Home, 13403- St. at Trail, Edmonton, AB.

Thursday November 17, 2005 at Memories Funeral Home, 13403- St.

Albert Trail, Edmonton, AB.

JOHNSON, Herbert

On November 9, 2005 Mr. Herbert Mitchel Johnson passed away peacefully at the Grey Nuns Hospital at the age of 83.

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This is to inform you of the funeral of Cheryl Anne Lieberman of Blessed Memory to be held Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chesed Shel 12313-105 Avenue.

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LIEBERMAN, Cheryl Anne

Our beautiful Cheryl passed away s shortly after her 52nd birthday, in the early hours of November 15, 2005.



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Cheryl Lieberman had a passion for her work and for her friendships 2005

KELLY CRYDERMAN

Journal Staff Writer **EDMONTON**

downtown, where she worked and lived.
Often clothed in black with an accom-Graphic designer Cheryl Lieberman brought a much-needed injection of New York City-style into Edmonton's

panying string of pearls, Ms. Lieberman had a keen sense of fashion and a passion for her work, where she made words — whether in a book about the corporate history of Syncrude or in a teaching manual — look perfect on the

page.
"She was just a brilliant graphic designer," said friend and writer Virginia Durksen. "Her specialty was how she treated type. She could make an ordinary piece of type text look gorgeous."
Her numerous friends will remember her genius for networking, her loyalty and how generous she was with her

"She probably knew more people than anyone else I know," said friend Patricia Shields.

"You could start out by having a business relationship with her, and it was very easy to develop that into a friend-

younger sister, Debra Lieberman, with whom she travelled to Bali, Singapore and South America—to name just a few adventures But her best friend was always her

Ms. Lieberman died on Nov. 15, six weeks after learning she had pancreatic cancer. She was 52.

A lifelong Edmontonian, she grew up in the city's west end and attended the University of Alberta for her bachelor of fine arts degree. Ms. Lieberman was a long-term tenant in the Birks Building, where she ran her business, Cheryl Anne Lieberman Typographics. She had also Lieberman Typographics. She h recently worked at Coast Paper.

Ms. Lieberman was a great supporter of art galleries and theatre, worked charity events and helped on political campaigns provincially and municipally. She



Cheryl Lieberman, right, with her sister and best friend, Debra Lieberman.

often did graphic design work for free, including the newsletter for Latitude 53

of us." Durksen said Ms. Lieberman never married, but created a family out of her friends. "She had that social circle that was her family. She was a sister to many

work life. And because she worked alone for much of the day, she took an extra job for many years working Friday nights as a hostess at Chianti Cafe and Restaurant. "It was her chance to be at the centre of a social whirl," Durksen said.

It was at Chianti's that a celebration Lieberman mixed her social and

of Ms. Lieberman's life was held while she could still enjoy it. More than 300 people filled the restaurant Oct. 26 to have what would be for some a last visit with their friend. Everyone who came got a hug

The evening was organized by friend Wayne Williams, who pushed to have Ms. Lieberman hired as an instructor at

fall, she took a job teaching a two-dimensional design course there. She was only able to teach half a dozen classes before her illness forced her to stop. In 1990, when Williams was 27 and a waiter at Chianti's, his friend Cheryl pushed him to go back to school. He did, and eventually became a graphic designer himself.

"She taught me that design can make the world a better place," Williams said Sunday. "I feel lucky I am able to do it and I have her to thank for it."

Williams said hundreds of friends showed up at the Chianti's celebration with only a few days' notice, and that is no surprise knowing how much they cared for Ms. Lieberman.

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"She was just this bright light that came in and out of peoples' lives."
The Cheryl Anne Lieberman fund has been established through the Grant MacEwan College Foundation. The money will fund a bursary. Donations are welcome

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