



## **Lisa Joy Knapman-Smith.**

**13 July 1979 - 7 April 2009**

Lisa's life events were more than most people ever get to experience. Throughout this she kept that beautiful smile.

Many will know of Lisa through her threads on Trade Me and Treasures. Friends discovered during these chats became friends for eternity. The threads were linked not only to breast cancer, but neonatal deaths (Eden - 31 weeks - 2005), premature births (four of her children were premature births ranging from Nikita at 31 weeks to Cort at 24 weeks), SANDS (Laine - 25 weeks - was a sudden infant death in 2006). Then after all this, when Cort was 5 weeks of age, Lisa was diagnosed with an extremely aggressive breast cancer.

Her philosophy became - live every day; create a Bucket List and get on with making sure as many items on the list are fulfilled. One of the many fears to overcome and thrills to seek was a stunt air flight! Her Treasure's friends found where this could be achieved in New Zealand. After the family's story was heard, Adam Butcher of Jag Air, Queenstown said "What else is on the list?" He then pulled the most amazing stunt himself and soon the family were booked on an Air New Zealand flight for Labour weekend 2008. Close Up filmed the whole weekend of non-stop thrills and spills. See photos on Facebook of the outcome.

Lisa did not easily give up her fight for life until finally at 4am April 7th 2009 she joined her two angels, Eden and Laine. We know that Lisa is still watching and that she is ensuring the Trust is up and running.