

Rhonda Louise Jakubowski

JULY 26, 2021

It is with extreme shock and sadness we share the sudden passing of our Wife, Mother and Grandmother Rhonda Louise Jakubowski (Sentes) on Monday, July 26, 2021 at the Regina Pasqua Hospital, Regina, Saskatchewan.



Rhonda was born on April 15, 1960 in Regina, Saskatchewan. She is survived by her husband of 42 years Joseph (Joe); daughter Jodi (Chad); son Jared; grandchildren Allie, Laney, Zoey, Jakub, Kayla, Brandon, Nicholas and Taylor; great-granddaughter Everlee; along with many other family members. She was predeceased by her parents Helen and Alex Sentes and her sister Lyn Robinson.

Rhonda was best known for her welcoming and caring nature. She included everyone and made them feel like family from the moment she met them. Mom always had an open-door policy, “no appointment needed”, but if given enough notice your visit would always include your favourite dish, a favourite beverage and many leftovers to take home. Laughter, conversation and great words of wisdom were also a common occurrence. Mom loved nothing more than having family and friends gathered at the lake. She loved outrageously large bonfires and great tunes on the radio. Mom took great pride in her Grandchildren and in all their accomplishments. She always had time for them.

Mom spent over 30 years working for the Regina Catholic School System. Her dedication and heart went into every student and family she came in contact with.

Mom's tiny stature was always a hit amongst any child that knew her. It seemed like the common goal was to always measure and surpass her height.

Mom touched so many lives and taught us all so many things. She was the roots and strength of our family and was always the underdogs biggest cheerleader. Family, friends and community meant everything to her.

She will be sorely missed by all that had the opportunity to know her.

We would like to thank the Regina Pasqua Hospital ER and ICU Staff. You were incredible and made Mom's final days full of compassion, comfort and laughter prior to her unexpected passing. We truly appreciate all you did.

At Mom's request there will be a Private Family Gathering at a later date.

Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Rhonda's memory to Carmichael Outreach (www.carmichaeloutreach.ca).

Messages of Condolence

Joe, Jared and Jodi our hearts ache knowing we won't hear her voice, hear her laughter and we won't see her gorgeous smile. She was like a magnet, you couldn't help but love her! My heart is breaking for all of you. As I read her obituary I could help but to smile saying that was exactly who she was! If you need anything at all please reach out. Dear Jesus, carry Rhonda's family through this very difficult time. She suffers no more. Rest easy my friend!☐

— **Cindy & Mack Howat**

My deepest condolences to Joe/family. I always remembered Rhonda as such an amazing, fun loving friend. She will be greatly missed by everyone. Rest In Peace you beautiful angel.

— **Pam Devernichuk**

Rhonda was such a lovely woman. She had such a contagious laugh.

— **Ray and Kathy Chisholm**

Joe, Jodi, Jared and family my condolences to all. Rest well my friend

— **Rog & Eddie Roberson**

Thank you Rhonda for welcoming me when I came to St. Catherine. I always enjoyed our conversations. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this very sad time. May you rest in peace!

— **Deanna Silzer**

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Rhonda was such a kind hearted soul. I had the pleasure of working with her at St. Catherine for a year and she was always caring, kind, and made me smile or laugh all the time! She will be deeply missed. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul.

— **Shina Hom**

My deepest condolences to Rhonda's family. I had the pleasure of working with her for a number of years. She always had a smile and her positive nature was infectious. The kids loved her. Rhonda was loved by everyone. She will be missed

— **Jo-Anne Nelson**

Oh my heart! She was my best friend in High School! I am so sorry Joe and family for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be terribly missed!

Tracy Reedy

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Reading this made me smile. From when I was a kid and she included me in joking around, until I became a colleague and she still teased me, Rhonda was fun to be around. Joe, Jodi and Jared and family, I pray you find peace in remembering her beautiful smile, sassy comments, and larger than life laugh. She will be missed.

— **Twylla West**

Joe, Jodi, Jarod and family. I am so truly sorry for your loss. Rhonda was such a wonderful person and news of her passing came as an absolute shock. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and in my prayers as you navigate through this most difficult time.

— **Jenny Stradeski**

Rhonda was always the happy face of St. Catherine when I had the privilege to work there with her in the late 2000s. Prayers and condolences to Joe and family during this difficult time.

— **Lee Garinger**

Our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mom and grandma. We remember her as always smiling and jovial. Keep those wonderful memories of her close to your hearts to comfort you . She was a special person and was greeted happily in heaven

— **Edith and GAbE**

Dear Joe, Jodi, Jared and Family: Such sudden tragedy creates a loss for words. Rhonda was the first smile I saw in the school office at Deshaye & St. Micheal & St. Catherine Schools and the last cheerful voice I'd hear at the end of the school day. She was a fierce champion for everyone, and she was most proud of you Jared & Jodi and all your accomplishments in school, in choir and more. Heaven has gained the bright star which she is. My deepest sympathies and condolences, Julie Atter

— **Julie Atter**

I am so saddened to hear we have lost Rhonda. I appreciated her warmth in St Catherine for many years. Please accept my condolences. Big hugs.

— **Linda Selinger**

Fly high auntie you will be dearly missed you are an amazing women can't believe this is real take care of grandma up there for me fly high you beautiful angel

— **Dakota Chipley**

I am so shocked and saddened to hear about Rhonda. Sending you all love and prayers. She was such an amazing awesome, kind soul. I worked with Rhonda my first year with Regina Catholic at St. Michael school. She was so welcoming and helpful ☐

— **Kelly Buettner**

My Heart cannot say how sorry I am that she has left us. God has taken her home to be with him

It was too fast and definitely way too soon. She will be missed by all of us.

Lots of Hugs coming your way

Love auntie Brenda

— **Brenda Holowaty**

I was so sad to hear of Rhonda's passing. I have known her for 40 years and count her as a good friend. My deepest sympathy to her family. She was a wonderful person, straight shooter, and I loved that about her.

— **Janet Bast**

I am so blessed with such awesome family members, cousin Rhonda you were always one of the "older cooler cousins" I looked up to you (even as I grew taller xo) You inspired me in the way you embraced each stage of life, so comfortable being fully you, as daughter, sister, friend, wife, mom & grandma! Joe, Jodi, Jared and all who loved Rhonda I share your loss and love of her. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers, nothing will stop your love. May perpetual light shine on her and eternal rest be hers.

— **Koreen**

This breaks my heart. I had the privilege of working with this sweet soul at St Catherine. She was a firecracker and was the heart and soul of that school. I am so very sorry Joe, Jared and Jodi.

— **Jill Belof**

My sincerest condolences to all the family. Rhonda was just a vibrant part of every school she worked at. I loved her sense of humour and honesty. She was someone you could confide in and she always had some way of making everything funny. I will cherish the many conversations and times we would chat and feel that we had solved some crazy issue that came down. She will be so missed in the school office. She always just knew what to do. Thanks for the memories Rhonda. Hugs.

— **Janey Davies**

I was so upset to hear about Rhonda's passing. I worked with her for one year at St. Catherine school. She was a wonderful office manager, and always made time for the students and the staff. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

— **Lori Thompson**

Joe, Jodi, Jared, et al. Sometimes it is difficult to understand what kind of a hand Life deals us. We are truly saddened by this circumstance and our prayers and thoughts go out to you all. She was a remarkable Lady with all of the best qualities of her Mom and Dad. She always left us with such a good, content feeling whenever we were fortunate enough to be with her. She has left you and all of us with such fond memories that will allow us to remember her so fondly once the pain of her sudden passing subsides. Peace to you always.

— **Craig and Sue Meyers**

This is heartbreaking news but God needed another angel on his side. We met many years at St. Michael, where we became a "work family". The love your Mom shared was unconditional and forever. Her big hugs I will miss the most. ☐☐

— **Audrey Rockthunder**

I was shocked and saddened to learn of Rhonda's sudden passing. Her infectious laugh and "Hey Kiddo" could be heard in the halls of St. Michael each and every day. My wish is that your happy memories of Rhonda will keep her close in the sad times ahead.

— **Claudia Yakichuk**

My deepest sympathy and condolences... As a parent of 3 students at St. Catherine, I truly appreciate her sincere and warm nature. I felt like she knows every student by heart. I always love her sweet voice when answering the phone everytime I call the school. Rest in peace

— **Rachel**

Deepest condolences for the whole family, we missed your presence and the voice especially when I had a rushed favor but you always give time to do it, you see my 3 kids grow in St. Catherine school, we love maam.

— **Vlady M. Castaneda**

I went to school with Rhonda in grade 7 and 8. We started a grade 8 reunion gathering a number of years ago and try to have an annual gathering and Rhonda was always sure to be there. We will miss her sweet soul at our gathering in Aug. My sincere condolences to Rhonda family

— **Shirley Baumgartner**

Joe, Jodi, Jared and family, we were shocked and saddened to hear about Rhonda's passing. We want to pass along our deepest sympathy and prayers.

— **Lamont, Judy, Zoe, Jesse and Layla Stradeski**

Both John and I were shocked and saddened with the news. Loved talking with her. Heaven has truly gained an angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time of sadness.

— **John and Shelley Findura**

Our deepest sympathies to you Joe and your family. The news came as such a shock. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

— **Lorne and Carol Delmage**

Rhonda was the kindest, most welcoming person I have ever met. I enjoyed chatting with her every time I went to St Catherine school. She was so good with my son Noah and always showed kindness and warmth. Rest In Peace Rhonda, you touched so many lives and were such a blessing to many. My sincere condolences to Rhondas family

— **Kasia**

I'm in shock! I knew Rhonda from our own elementary school days. And then as a colleague. This is incredibly sad news. To her family, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. Rhonda was a fun loving firecracker.

— **Linda Stordy**

My deepest condolence to the family..

She made my elementary school better, she greets everyone with big great smile. She made me feel welcomed, my elementary years wouldn't be happy without her. She makes my day everytime i see that smile of hers! She'll truly be missed! Although, I hoped I got to see her once more. Again my deepest condolences to the family, Godbless

— **Shekia Delfino**

My deepest condolences to all Rhonda's family and friends! I enjoyed many conversations with Rhonda at our shared workplace over the years, they always ended with a great laugh and a smile. She had a great sparkle and it was contagious!

I will remember her knowing she will continue to sparkle from above. She will be missed ☐

— **Sharon Adams**

Dear Joe and family, I am truly saddened and heartbroken to hear of Rhonda's passing. She was one great lady. I will miss our chats on the road. My deepest condolences

— **Leann Kowalchuk**

Our sincere condolences to Rhonda's family.

Larry and Sylvia LeBoldus

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I was extremely lucky to have met and worked with Rhonda. Her huge smile and warm hugs helped me alot. Such a tremondously kind woman. Shocked and sad beyond words. So very sorry for your loss. God Bless you all.

— **Georgina Gazda**

My Deepest Condolences to Rhonda's Family and Dear Friends. Rhonda has touched so many lives during her short stay, but I know we all have been Blessed at knowing and working with her. Thank you so much for being part of my life and May God Bless you my friend!

— **Darlene Debert**

I am at a loss of words. Mrs. J watch not just me but my sisters grow up. She changed many of the St.Catherine cougars lives. She never failed to put a smile on anyone's face. Mrs.J was the best little thing to hug when having a bad day. All the laughs and stories will never be forgotten. She watched many of us grow up and learn from our mistakes even when we were in the principals office she'd still tell us a joke. She was very loved and will truly be missed. Fly high Mrs. J☐

— **Mackenzie Soloway**

Joe, Jodi, Jared. Words can not express the shock Our thoughts and prayers are with all your family during this difficult time. One of the very best has been taken way too early Deepest sympathy to you all.

Brad and Gwen Sparvier

— **Brad and Gwen Sparvier**

I have had the pleasure of working with Rhonda at St. Catherine Community School for seven years. As many others have mentioned, she is a rock in our school community. Rhonda welcomed me in on my first day and I have looked at her like a mother every day since. No matter how busy she was in the office she would stop at a moments notice to assist with small and large tasks. She is loved by all staff and students and will be dearly missed. I send my deepest condolences and keep the family in my prayers!

— **Amy Langen**

I am so sorry to hear about Rhonda's passing. As I worked with her at St. Catherine Community School, I saw her personify kindness, caring and common sense to everyone who came to the office. My condolences go out to Joe, Jodi, Jared and the family.

— **June Quesnel**

My sympathies to Rhonda's family. I knew Rhonda & Lindsay from grade school at St Augustine. They were both good friends with my younger sister. We had connected via Facebook not that long ago. I was shocked to read that she had passed away. So young, too soon

— **Elaine (Volk) Reinhardt**

Joe, Jodi & Jerod How saddened I am at Rhonda's passing. We went back to the days of being in the Lion's band. She on the drums me on my trumpet. Even though we didn't see much of each other, when we did meet it was like we had never been apart. I could always see her deep care of people. She will be missed.

— **Deb Duclos**

Our deepest sympathies at this difficult time. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you all

— **Ruth and Alex Taylor**

I am deeply saddened and shocked to learn of Rhonda's passing. She and I had the same roles with the Catholic School Division for more than 30 years. We were all 'kiddos'. I loved her cheeky sense of humor, warm personality and wonderful laugh. My deepest sympathy to the Jakubowski family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May Rhonda rest in peace.

— **Chris Semeniuk**

I was deeply surprised in learning of the sudden passing of our dear friend and school division colleague. I had come to know Rhonda when I started with the school division in 1991. Her sense of humour was indubitable; she always had a way of making me laugh. She was so dedicated in her work with the school division, staff and students. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her and had the opportunity to experience her laughter and spirit.

— **Darinka Schiessler**

Deepest condolences to Joe, Jodi, and Jared, extended family and friends...

We are so saddened to hear of Rhonda's passing. We met Rhonda and her family when our daughter married into the Cottrill family who were very close friends with Joe, Rhonda and the kids. Rhonda was Lori's right hand for helping to put on our children's wedding at a mountain lodge in Fernie, including catering a rehearsal dinner! We quickly realized how important she was for the Cottrill family ...the heart of gatherings and fabulous cook.

Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time... we wish you comfort and peace in the days ahead and hope you find both solace and joy as you celebrate Rhonda's amazing life.

Most sincerely,

Leslie and Ray Gosselin

— **Leslie Gosselin**

Joe, Jared, Jodi and family.

I was totally shocked as I read of Rhonda's passing. My heart goes out to you all as you miss your wife, mother and grandma. I had known Rhonda for many years working with the school board and savoured our conversations whenever we met after - always with a smile and a laugh with her sparkling eyes, she was one of a kind! May God keep you close and know that she is with you always.

— **Sharon Zborosky**

Our deepest sympathies, it really is extreme shock and sadness. Joe, Jodi and Jared you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Trudy and Cliff Geiger

— **Cliff Geiger**

Rhonda spread joy wherever she went. I met Rhonda for the first time as a kind supportive parent at St. Gregory, then had the pleasure of working with Rhonda at Jean Vanier. Rhonda first told me that her role as an Administrative Assistant was to make me look good. And that she always did. As a wonderful colleague to a supportive friend, Rhonda was always there. Rhonda has left a legacy of kindness and was 'mother' to all her children in every school she was at.

Joe, Jared and Jodi; she spoke often of each of you; always with love and pride. Her love will sustain you. Rhonda will always be with us and will continue to share her smile with us always.

Peace.

— **Leona Burkhart**

My condolences to Joe, Jodi, Jared and family. Rhonda was a delightful soul who welcomed all with her brilliant smile and sparkling eyes. When a job needed to be done, Rhonda was there with what seemed like unlimited resources. She simply knew what was needed or knew where to get the information. She was such a blessing to her family, friends and school family. Rest in Peace, Rhonda.

— Rose Cardiff

Mrs Jakubowski, will be deeply missed. Our son started preschool St.Catherine when he was 4. She was always so kind and caring She always took such good care from sad days to skinned knees. If was sick she would bring homework or call or email to check in. She always cheered on sporting events and asked how the teams did. Every time I needed to go in, she always had time to chat and see how things were. He will be 16 in 3 weeks and was crushed to hear of her passing. When the boys moved into highschool, every time they had the chance, they would pop in to say hi, they all loved her so much. Rest in Peace Mrs J, thank you for helping us raise our kids and being one of the kindest and most wonderful people ever.

Condolences to your family from ours. Xo

— Jen, Curtis & Dhamon Kopciuch

My sincere condolences on the loss of your mom and grandmother. I knew Rhonda since day 1, she lived across the street on Edgar and I use to babysit her and her sister when their mom and dad went out. Spent many weekends with them at the farm and lake. I always knew your mom would go on the be a special person. We just recently got together on Facebook after about 50 years. I know she will be missed by your family but I know she is having a good time with family in heaven and watching over you. Take care.

— Frank Jakowski

Many prayers to you family on the passing of such a vibrant soul. I have been blessed to have worked alongside this generous, funny and loving woman. The students and staff adored her and she will be deeply missed.

— **Amanda Labatt**

It has been said that we leave this earth when our souls have learned all the lessons that they need to before moving on. Rhonda's beautiful soul was the one who definitely taught us lessons on caring, humour, and how to accept everyone. She will be missed for certain,... but her lessons taught will remain with all that were fortunate enough to know and learn from her. Rest easy Rhonda. And thank you.

— **Cathy Ehrmantraut**

Deepest sympathy and prayers on the loss of a very special person! It was always a pleasure to work with Rhonda at St. Catherine School! Her welcoming presence was a great gift and she was always ready to help in any way and was thinking ahead to insure things were done well! Rhonda touched and enriched the lives of so many people including the staff of Holy Child Parish!

— **Marian Bernadette Grady**

Joe Jodi & Jared we are heartbroken along with you! We were shocked to learn of Rhonda's passing! The world is less bright because she has gained her angel wings! Heaven however is brighter than ever!

I remember the first time I meet Rhonda walking into St Michael's as a unsure newbie. The first thing she said to me with a huge smile on her face was "you've got this" & from that moment forward I knew I had met one of the greatest humans ever & a good friend! There was always lots of laughter, joy & the many deep heart to heart conversations that were always so loving...that was Rhonda always giving of herself to others! The ones she loved most fiercely though was her family! She truly was the very best wife mom grandma & GG! After moving to be BC we kept in touch & we will always remember the surprise phone call from her "hey Joe & I are in town we want to come for a visit!" What a great visit it was... Sending our deepest condolences, our love & hugs to you all on the passing of your wonderful Rhonda! She will be so very missed.

— **Audry & Bill O'Donovan**

I've know Ms Jakubowski for many many years.

She was the first face id see when walking into school at St Catherine every morning.

She was so kind- such a lovely soul.

I had severe mental health issues and she would ALWAYS be kind to me and help me through what I was feeling.

Condolences to everyone involved.

The world has lost another angel.

— **Abby Leniuk**



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