

Carolyn Anne Rebeyka

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March 9, 1964–January 13, 2025



Carolyn Anne Rebeyka, 60, of Regina, died Monday, January 13, after a short illness.

Carolyn was born in Saskatoon March 9, 1964, to Annie Rebeyka (Luchka) and Harry Rebeyka. After attending the University of Saskatchewan, Carolyn had a long career with the Saskatchewan New Democrats working in several ministries, executive council and at one point serving as the NDP caucus chief of staff. She also worked with Saskatchewan unions; she was a past executive director of SEIU Local 333 and a valued co-worker at SGEU at the time of her passing.

Carolyn was passionate about politics, democracy and making people's lives better. She was generous, kind and brilliant; her political teammates called her Oracle because her opinions almost always proved correct. She was an active volunteer in the community. In her personal life, Carolyn loved cooking, watching movies, playing tabletop games, books, music and attending concerts. She adored animals, always loved meeting dogs and cats and was known to thousands of Reginaans as the nice lady who took her beloved pet snakes out for

walks.

Carolyn is survived by siblings Eugene (Gail) Rebeyka, Helen Rebeyka, Pauline Rebeyka and beloved nephews Zachary Erickson, Justin Rebeyka and Warren (Cassandra Thompson) Rebeyka. She is mourned by an impossible number of friends and admirers, including her “Avengers” Bev, Janet and Judy, and her dear best friend and companion Stephen Whitworth.

A memorial will be held at a future date. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Salthaven West Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre, and Prairie Dog magazine.

A Celebration of Life Service for Carolyn Anne Rebeyka will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 2 pm at the G. Marconi Canadian Italian Club, 2148 Connaught Street, Regina, SK

Live stream link <https://evt.live/celebrating-the-life-of-carolyn-rebeyka>

Messages of Condolence

My deepest sympathy to Carolyn's family and close friends. She leaves a legacy of compassion and advocacy that will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

— **Stacey Scotton-Ulrich**

Eugene, Helen and Pauline, we send our deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your families

— **Del & Sheila - Miller**

I was shocked to hear of Carolyn's passing so am sending my love and condolences to all Carolyn's family, relatives and many friends. Living in Ontario, it is hard to get together with my father Frank's relatives yet, when I do, I feel the special closeness of Rebeyka cousins. Carolyn and Pauline hosted my brother Terry and me at the last reunion. Carolyn's beautiful blue eyes and lovely smile will be remembered. Love, Joan Wellar

— **Joan Wellar**

We are sad and very sorry to have lost Carolyn way too soon. She was loved by many. We knew her from our earliest days in the SK Young New Democrats, through U of S days and when we moved back to Regina. She was a special person.

— **Dawn Stanger and Duane Haave**

Eugene, Helen, Pauline & family. So saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing.

— **Olive/Victor Woytowich**

So shocked to hear of Carolyn's passing. I have many fond memories, of growing up as cousins Pen pals, exchanging Christmas gifts, and when we got together, many laughs. You were such a kind person, my thoughts are with your family, and may you be greeted by your loved ones. My sincerest sympathies

— **Barb Blaquiere**

So sad to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was a dedicated and loyal member of the New Democratic Party. I worked with her during her time in the Caucus Office and always admired her work ethic and dedication to her job. She will be missed by many. Rest in peace my friend, you deserve it. My deepest condolences to her family, may God bless all of you in your time of sorrow.

— **Gail Fehr**

I thought that I was going to have countless more interactions left with you, Carolyn. And now you are gone, with barely any warning, and you should have had so much time left. I will miss you, Carolyn.

I was never big on school, so for me, it has been the characters like you that have taught me the most over the years. Growing up around you for the last decade or so, I learned to always be myself. And to share my smiles & my laughs, just like you always would with me. You share your interests, your kindness, your compassion, your caring heart, your genuine concern and your humour and all your quarks... this, and much more, has made you an incredible person to be around since I've known you.

You even shared with me how to love snakes, and I'm so glad I do now, 'cause that's pretty excellent.

I love you, Carolyn. Rest well. I'm so sorry this happened.

And also: for Carolyn's family and her friendship network, I hope for you peace in time and I offer my condolences. Feel free to reach out for anything

— **Ariana Bourgeois**

The loss of Carolyn is a damn tragedy. She was a wonderful friend, a true partner and brave enough to take on the unknown. She had a wicked sense of humour and a tremendous well of kindness. To her family, friends and Stephen, I share your sorrow and sadness at her passing. The stars are dimmer now because of her absence.

— **Barbara Cape**

Eugene, Helen, Pauline, and families my condolences to you on the passing of Carolyn.

— **Joni McNeely**

So sorry to hear of your loss

— **Irene litoski**

Eugene,(Gail) Helen & Pauline.

My Deepest Sympathy

— **Brenda Krawetz**

Eugene, Helen, Pauline, and family. We are so sorry for Carolyn's sudden passing. Her warm smile and gentle demeanor will be sorrowly missed. She was a wonderful person. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Love and prayers

— **Mark and Brenda Rebeyka**

So so sorry for your loss as sister, friend, and many roles she had in life. She was an inspiration to many people. I worked with her in the legislature. She would stop and ask how my day was going. Even now after many years, she kept in contact with me.

— **Angie Kentner**

My condolences to Carolyn's family. Carolyn was a person who left a positive, lasting impression when you were with her. 4

— **Robert Bymoan**

My Condolences to the Family and Friends of Carolyn.

I had the chance to work with her for a brief time at SGEU. She always made me feel welcomed and a part of the organization. Blessings to all she loved.

— **Dawn Parisien**

Sincere condolences to the Family and Friends of Carolyn. I met her some 30 years ago through our involvement with the NDP. She was such a lovely woman, friendly, kind, supportive and caring. We were in touch via text message now and again.

Although, I knew that she was unwell. Her death is still a shock to the system. May she continue to Rest In Eternal Peace and Rise In Glory with her Heavenly Father.

— **Judy Kobsar**

Today is the first day of the year of the snake in the Chinese calendar. Knowing Carolyn's deep love for snakes, I wanted to wish her a happy new year. Then I learned about her passing. It is impossible for me to put my shock into words.

Carolyn was such a lovely and great person. It was a huge joy discussing snakes, politics and other topics with her. Having Carolyn around was always a pleasure. I will always fondly remember how Carolyn (together with Stephen and many snakes) drove all the way to Winnipeg just to say "hi" to me.

My deepest condolences to her family.

— **Ferdinand Ihringer**

I am saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. I've only ever known her with a snake around her neck on one of her many adventures with Stephen. She was always full of light and kindness and it radiated as she was always surrounded by people. The kids always ask me if we will see "The snake lady" when we travel. She was loved and will be missed by many. Sending sympathies from all of us at Fenek Farms.

— **Madison**

I only knew Carolyn in a work setting, and only for somewhat more than a year. Yet I have pictures she took of one of her snakes she brought in to the office - said snake loosely coiled around my arms. Such interesting animals. I'm glad she shared them and was more glad to have known her.

Until reading this obituary I had no idea that Carolyn had such a deep history in the labour movement. I knew she was a solid fellow worker, but not to such depth and breadth.

Carolyn you will be deeply missed and are gone too soon. My condolences and sympathies to your family and friends. May you Rest in Power.

— **Wesley Cameron**



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