

# Joanne Joyce Shannon

OCTOBER 17, 2015

Joanne Joyce Shannon was born on October 17, 1953 and passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Regina Wascana Grace Hospice.

She is survived by loving friends and family

including her mother Marnie Shannon of Regina, her three sons Shamus Reilly (Andrea) of Regina, Shaun Reilly (Krista Hill) of Gray, and Caelan Reilly of Regina; three grandchildren Eoghan Reilly, Amelia Reilly, and Lochlan Reilly; sisters Shelly Shannon of Saskatoon and Dianne Shannon (Jay Robertson) of Regina; brother Christopher Shannon (Nadya) of Bulgaria; and eight nieces and nephews. Her family would like to invite you to a Celebration of her Life on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, 2445 Albert St, Regina, SK. Joanne Shannon worked in the arts for many years, most recently as executive director of Commonweal Community Arts. As Joanne was an artist herself, the wake will include a retrospective of her creative work: a book launch of her short story collection, her visual art, and her film and video work.



## Messages of Condolence

Steve and boys my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Have not seen Joanne for years, but she was always an inspiration with her art and dedication to the field. A women who was not afraid to stand up for things she felt strongly about, always with a gentle and caring spirit. May you rest in the memories....You boys have been blessed to have such a fine lady as your mom and grandmother to your children...

— **Sandy Rogina**

Shelly and family, my sincere condolences at the loss of Joanne. I remember meeting Joanne so many years ago on Yingst Bay, and feel so fortunate to have crossed paths with her, many times since then. Such a beautiful, gentle spirit. You are in my thoughts and meditations.

— **Carla Bolen Anderson**

Deepest sympathies to all of Joanne's family. We originally met at FQHS, remet at Ag & Food, and remained friends with Shelley in Regina for several years.

— **Marilyn LeMaire**

Joanne was amazing. Her gentle yet strong spirit and positive attitude inspired us all. When they wrote the song "I did it my way" they had Joanne in mind. I will always remember her with a smile and the way she smiled and her quiet laugh. I met Joanne through Shelly who has been my friend for many years. My condolences go out to her family particularly her sons who were the wind beneath her wings, her mom and Shelly who now have an angel looking after them.

Linda O'Halloran

— **Linda O'Halloran**

I truly hope when my turn comes, I can depart so graciously, with so much style. I know the last few months were not easy for her, but she kept involved, met her goals, and has left her mark. We all were so lucky to have her in our lives!

— **Brenda Niskala**

I fondly recall Joanne as a hard working and dedicated Executive Director at the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages (SOHL). As her supervisor we spent many hours discussing the business of SOHL but as well how to make organizations function efficiently and how to interact effectively with people. Although our relations were of a business nature Joanne clearly demonstrated caring and compassion for the members she worked with on an ongoing basis. She will be dearly remembered and missed.

— **Tony Harras**



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