



## Claudia Gail Currie

August 2, 1955 - December 1, 2025

Claudia Currie (née Powell) passed away at the VG Hospital on December 1, 2025 after a more than a two year battle with cancer. Just as she dealt with all of life's challenges, she managed her illness with strength and grace. She was a loving wife, mother and friend. During her final days, she was surrounded by family and close friends and fur baby, Kacie.

Claudia was born on August 2, 1955, at the Grace Maternity Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Ray and Wilma Powell. Claudia is survived by her devoted husband Randy and son Chris and predeceased by her son, Kyle (2018). She is survived by her sister Karen (Miller) and predeceased by brother, Raymond Powell (2018).

Claudia attended Chebucto Road School and later graduated from Queen Elizabeth High School in 1974. She went on to Dalhousie University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Earth and Environmental Sciences in 1979. Claudia met Randy Currie at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, and they married in 1988. Together, they raised their twin sons, Chris and Kyle.

Claudia's professional career began (1979) at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, where she served as a Marine Geoscience Technologist. In 2014, she received the prestigious Beluga Award, recognizing her exceptional contributions, leadership, and dedication to advancing BIO's projects and outreach initiatives.

Her life took a significant turn in 2003 following her son's skiing accident. From that experience, Claudia emerged as a tireless advocate and fundraiser for health care in Nova Scotia. As a volunteer leader for the QEII Foundation's Working Miracles campaign (2003–2007), she helped inspire community support that enabled the campaign to exceed its \$42.5 million goal, ultimately raising over \$44 million for health care.

Claudia's passion for sport began early. At age 12, while working as a caregiver for a neighbour's grandfather at Grand Lake, she discovered her love for waterskiing and joined Larry's Dolphins. By 1972 she was competing nationally, and in 1984 she became the Canadian Open Trick Champion. Her international success included a silver medal in tricks and a bronze in slalom at the 2006 Pan American Water Ski Championships, followed by a gold medal in tricks at the 2014 World Water Ski Championships in her age category. Beyond competition, she has made a lasting impact as a coach and mentor, serving as an NCCP Master Coach Developer, Evaluator, and Learning Facilitator. She played a pivotal role in developing adaptive waterskiing programs for athletes with disabilities, and in 2023, she launched

Canada's first integrated program for adaptive skiers, advancing inclusivity in sport. In 2024, her lifelong dedication was recognized with induction into the Canadian Water Ski Hall of Fame.

Claudia's resilience and community leadership deepened further through personal tragedy. After the loss of her son Kyle, a Halifax firefighter, she co-founded Fight4Life (F4L), a registered non-profit dedicated to supporting the mental health of first responders. What began as an expression of grief has grown into a mission of hope and service. F4L provides both proactive and reactive mental health resources for firefighters in the Halifax Regional Municipality, funded through calendar sales, the Nova Scotia Firefighters' 50/50 draw, grants, and private donations. Each year, the organization expands its reach, ensuring that more firefighters receive the mental health support they deserve.

Throughout her life, Claudia Currie has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, compassion, and commitment—whether advancing ocean sciences, excelling in international sport, supporting health care, or championing first responders' mental well-being. She embodies the spirit of service and resilience. She was truly an incredible, outstanding woman who will be missed by so many people.

Claudia's Celebration of Life will be held at the Micmac Aquatic Club 192 Prince Albert Rd Dartmouth NS on Saturday, December 6. Claudia's ashes

will be brought in by boat at 12:30. The service will begin at 1:00 reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Fight4Life ([fight4lifehalifax.com](http://fight4lifehalifax.com)) will be greatly appreciated.

Join Zoom Meeting

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# Tribute Wall

SD

“ So so sorry for your loss Randy and Family , I only met Claudia once at Shubie , and you guys were biking by at a fast clip. I hope you are able to have a little joy at Christmas with her memories and family support.. Take care and see you in the pool down the road.

Steve Dodge - December 14, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Condolences to Randy and family. She was a bright light in a world of darkness and will be missed.

Anthony Atkinson - December 13, 2025 at 09:13 AM

GG

“ Randy, and all your Family.  
Dorothy and I send our Love and condolences on the passing of Claudia.  
I had the pleasure of working with Claudia while I was at AGC-GSCA at BIO, for over 20 years. She made a difference in all our lives.  
Gary Grant

Gary Grant - December 12, 2025 at 06:20 PM

AJ

“ I feel so lucky to have had Claudia in my life. She was strong, positive, accomplished, confident and caring. I could list to many more positive attributes. But know this, with Claudia on your side, anything was possible! I send love and support to Randy and all the family. So sad to lose this strong and beautiful person too soon.



Anne Jennings - December 09, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MC

“ Dear Randy and Family, we are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our sincere condolences to you all. Mark and Darlene Cann.

Mark Cann - December 09, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CQ

“ Dear Randy and family,  
Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. Claudia was a loving, caring lady and a great neighbour. She will be deeply missed but dearly remembered.  
Charles Quon

Charles Quon - December 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JD

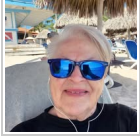
“ The Claudia that I remember was always smiling, so positive and fun to be around. During high school and university days she was often at our house on Oxford Street, keeping us smiling and hanging out with my sister Marie, talking about water skiing at Grand Lake and Larry's Dolphins. Great memories. My sincere condolences to Claudia's Family. John Doucet

John Doucet - December 07, 2025 at 09:18 AM

DS

“ My condolences to Karen, Randy and Chris. My first memory of Claudia is of an eight year old with boundless energy pestering Karen and the rest of us while playing after school in the basement on Willow St. Well did she ever put that energy to work serving others all her life.  
David Swetnam

David Swetnam - December 06, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Claudia's passing. I played field hockey with her at Dalhousie University. She was a barrel of fun and always a protector. I valued our friendship. Sail with the angels Claudia.

Merle Richardson - December 06, 2025 at 11:13 AM

SP

“ Sending my deepest condolences from Mactaquac NB. Claudia and I worked closely together to promote NRCan- GSC science over the years. I particularly remember one of the BIO open house events, where she welcomed my teenage children to participate as guides at the kiosks. Always welcoming and full of ideas, we always shared many laughs along with our passion for science outreach. Dear Claudia, you will be so missed. 💔 Shirley Pegler

Shirley Pegler - December 06, 2025 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences for your loss Randy, and to all who loved Claudia. I knew Claudia as a fellow BIO member. She always seemed busy making things happen, surrounded by those who were pleased to be involved. It seems pretty clear that throughout her life she was well loved and truly cared deeply for others. How fortunate we were to have known Claudia. The world has lost a beautiful person. Joan Broussard

Joan Broussard - December 06, 2025 at 08:07 AM

CL

“ Carol Levac lit a candle in memory of Claudia Gail Currie



Carol Levac - December 06, 2025 at 06:09 AM

PI

“ *Randy and family*

*We all have a very small share of your loss. Claudia was a powerhouse with her devotion to helping improve the lives of others as she was to her family and Sport.*

*I had the pleasure of meeting her in the water polo pool at Shannon park where she welcomed my floundering by nicknaming me Buns and dunking me whenever she had a chance.*

*Claudia decided that Mel Boutliers work at Parker Street Food Bank was important and she organized a BIO volunteer group to help their Christmas food hamper drive. To her helping was important but recognizing the Boutliers contribution to the community should also be properly recognized which led to them getting the Order of Canada.*

*Claudia took on all her projects with this kind of dedication and we are all much better people for having shared some of our lives with her.*

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**Pierre** - December 05, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BC

“ *I have some wonderful memories of Claudia and myself in our teenage years. We were both members of the waterskiing show group, Larry Dolphin's. From May through September we spent every weekend at Grand Lake...eating, sleeping and breathing water skiing. Then fast forward 50 years to her birthday ski show where we got together for some photos. Claudia leaned over and whispered in my ear, " We had a great childhood." Yes Claud, we did...*



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**Beth Cole** - December 05, 2025 at 08:32 PM

EM

“ Dear Randy ,Chris, Karen and all of Claudia's many close friends,

*I am so sorry for your loss, my condolences to all. I met Claudia just a few short years ago through a mutual friend who suggested I might like to learn how to waterski from "one of the best". I did not think it possible, but it happened. Claudia even arranged for me to have a lesson with HER coach in Florida. Again I did not imagine this would ever happen but it did. During the lesson her coach stopped the boat, pointed his phone at me and said "Smile, I am under orders to send proof to Claudia that you are having fun!". It was a laugh out loud moment, proof was sent. Upon her retirement from BIO Claudia began weight training with our little group at a local gym. She brought insight, enthusiasm and determination to our training. I thought I would have many years of friendship ahead with Claudia. I am grateful for the time we did have, and feel blessed to have known her.*

*Elaine Mattatall*

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**Elaine Mattatall** - December 05, 2025 at 05:16 PM

DM

“ We owe so much to Claudia for her leadership and support for firefighters. Her work with Fight4Life touched many lives and inspired many others.

*Dave Meldrum*

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**Dave Meldrum** - December 05, 2025 at 04:26 PM

SH

“ Dearest Claudia. You always inspired me with your zest for life, commitment to excellence and advocacy for others and causes you believed in. It was an honour to be in your presence. My heart is with you Randy, Chris and Karen. I'm sorry I will miss her celebration tomorrow but will be saluting her docking at 12:30. Sharon MacIntosh

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**sharon** - December 05, 2025 at 03:57 PM

SE

“ Such a sweet and special person. Very sad loss

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**Sean** - December 05, 2025 at 03:31 PM

DR

“ Very sad news.. condolences to the family and all Claudia's friends. Claudia was always so energetic and dynamic.. her contribution to the water skiing community was greatly admired and appreciated. We will miss her.

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**Debbie April and Jack Robaczewski** - December 05, 2025 at 08:38 AM

FS

“ Such sad news, sincere condolences to Claudia's family. Claudia was a huge presence at BIO - dedicated to her work and colleagues, full of energy, and so generous with her time and her spirit.

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**Faith Scattolon** - December 05, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RM

“ I remember pleasant chats with Claudia's parents over our joint fence , them on Willow Street and me on North Street in Halifax. These chats were a precursor to first meeting and playing baseball with brother Ray , also a great athlete and a wonderful person. Claudia and I met in the same department where we worked at BIO in the late 70's. I had been there for about 5 years and was busy building my own niche within the community. Claudia quickly jumped on board and was soon planning our Open Houses , running our BIO Gift Shop and organising countless events as well as BIO's involvement in the Parker Street food bank. While doing all this she never wavered on maintaining the scientific work she was originally hired to complete. One can only wonder how she developed the energy or time to play water polo , ski ( water or snow ) , basketball and pickleball. Girl , you will be missed.

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**Robert Miller** - December 05, 2025 at 08:11 AM

CA

“ Claudia joined the BIO family in 1979 as a Job Corps student working with 6 other new graduates. She worked on the Bay of Fundy project that I coordinated and was always enthusiastic, energetic and thoughtful through that time, and of course, it resulted in a career-long association with GSCA. She had courage and inner strength in spades both in her work and in her home life. Strangely, I was thinking of her here in UK the week she died even before knowing she was ill, and of course, I shall be thinking of our shared time at BIO, which was a great privilege for me.

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**Carl Amos** - December 05, 2025 at 07:33 AM

EH

“ *Randy and family:  
I'm so sorry to hear of Claudia's passing. She was an amazing person and will be missed by so many. She was a master organizer and had the unique ability to make volunteering fun. I enjoyed working with her at BIO open houses and Christmas concerts.*

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**Edward Horne** - December 05, 2025 at 06:56 AM

AC

“ *Randy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Claudia was a force. At times she seemed to have gravity enough to pull the world with her towards a common objective (or maybe not a common objective, but you were coming anyway ;)). I was fortunate enough to be part of her orbit during her time at BIO. She made everyone around her better and inspired all of us to do just "a little bit more". I have so many wonderful memories of working with Claudia at Parker Street and during Open House. She seemed to pull community out of thin air, but it was just hard work, perseverance and a strong sense of caring that motivated her. She has inspired so many through an amazing legacy of love and caring. We should all be so lucky to live a life as full as hers.*

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**Andrew Cogswell** - December 05, 2025 at 06:02 AM

 Debbie  
Hepworth

“ *Debbie Hepworth lit a candle in memory of  
Claudia Gail Currie*



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**Debbie Hepworth** - December 04, 2025 at 10:58 PM

TS

“ My sincere condolences to Randy and the family. She will be truly missed but never forgotten. Always cherished for the great humanitarian that she was. Claudia was unique. A leader, a problem solver and a go between to mend fences. She made things happen and always had a positive solution to a supposedly 'no' for an answer. I was proud to be her friend and work colleague at BIO. She was a master planner who made tough work enjoyable with a laugh and a cup of tea. I will remember the twinkle in her eye, the smile and the laugh.

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**Tom Sephton** - December 04, 2025 at 09:19 PM

GM

“ Condolences to Randy, Chris and family and to Claudia's many friends. She had such a passion for whatever she took on. I remember selling calendars with her, and her energy.

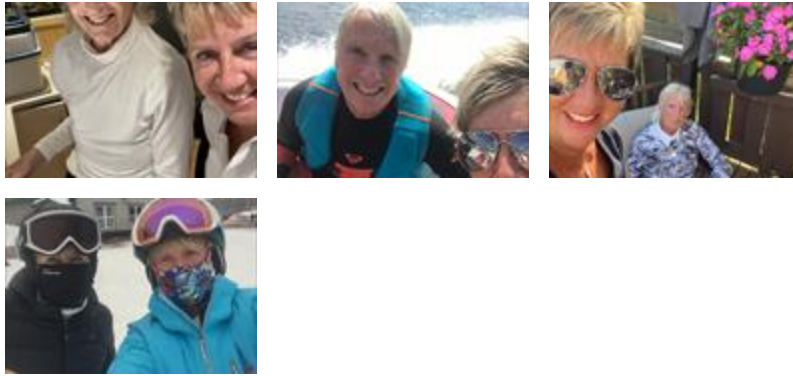
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**Gloria McCluskey** - December 04, 2025 at 09:02 PM

BA

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Randy, Chris and Karen on the loss of Claudia. She was one in a million and I sure valued the friendship we had.

*She made me laugh and cry over the years. She got me back on the slopes in 2020 and then introduced me to two of her favourite causes...Waterski Wakeboard Nova Scotia and Fight for Life. It was a privilege to help her with both. Claudia, I will miss your beautiful smile and the way you brought so many people along on your journey. Rest peacefully dear friend ❤️❤️*



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**Brenda Adams** - December 04, 2025 at 08:56 PM

GF

“ Claudia was such a wonderful person. I worked with her over many years on geoscience issues and musical events. I suspect that management feared her positive attitude and attention to getting results. She organized many events at BIO and they were always fun and well planned. Her sports achievements are spectacular and well-deserved. There will never be another you!

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**gordon fader** - December 04, 2025 at 06:22 PM

GT

“ Our deepest condolences to Randy and Chris and all Claudia’s many friends. And was a remarkable human being who leaves an incredible legacy. She has done so much for others and borne the many burdens life has heaped on her with grace. Our prayers go out to you all. 🙏❤️🙏

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**Gregory Turnbull** - December 04, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JS

“ I only really knew of Claudia through what my parents (Charles and Dana Schafer) would say about her. She was a valued friend and coworker at BIO, and did so much for her sport and community. Our condolences go out to her friends and family.

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**Jason Schafer** - December 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM

KD

“ To Claudia’s Family,

Condolences to Randy, Chris and Karen on Claudia’s passing. So sorry for the loss of an amazing wife, mother and sister. So glad I crossed paths with Claudia at pickleball and skiing. I instantly loved her. She was one of a kind, resilient, smart, athletic and fun. Claudia will be missed by all and never forgotten. May she rest in peace.

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**Kelly Dillman** - December 04, 2025 at 02:09 PM

BC

“ Our sincere condolences to Claudia's family. We last saw Claudia at the Atlantic's at Butler Lake in NB a couple of years ago and had a reminiscing chat. She will be greatly missed within the water ski community where she made so many friends across the country. Her contributions extended well beyond that sport however and she will be missed by all the other lives that she touched. May God bless her.....

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**Bob & Bonnie Cromwell** - December 04, 2025 at 01:51 PM

RO

“ I knew Claudia both at BIO and in the local ski community for many years. She was a dynamic person with a positive outlook on life which touched all those around her. I offer my deepest condolences to Randy and this family. Bob O'Boyle

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**Robert OBoyle** - December 04, 2025 at 01:26 PM

EM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Claudia at BIO starting circa 1980, where we did a lot of really important scientific research...like wandering around mud flats in the ice and snow, or sitting in a boat in the pouring rain for 24 hours on the beautiful Sissiboo River. (I'm sure the science was more important than I'm making it out to be!) We haven't been in close touch over the years, but it was always nice to say 'hello' from time to time. I didn't realize that she was battling cancer. My deepest condolences to her family from Bernadette and myself.

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**Ed MacDormand** - December 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DS

“ Dear Randy and Family, We are saddened to learn of Claudia’s passing. Our memories stem from ski days at Wentworth where she enjoyed being there with her family and friends. Claudia was such an inspiration as she fought her way through so many of life’s challenges. Thinking of you and sending our condolences. Sincerely, Vern and Dianne Shaffner

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**Dianne Shaffner** - December 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BP

“ Such a wonderful force of nature with anything she took on. I loved being swept up in her energy while working at BIO. Condolences to her family.

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**Bettyann Power** - December 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM