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It is with broken hearts and profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Jacqueline Joy McMahon, age 57, at her home in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, on September 20, 2025.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, and raised in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Jaki moved to Nova Scotia at the age of 18, where she built a life filled with love, creativity, and compassion. Her career as a legal assistant spanned several major law firms in the Halifax Regional Municipality, where she was known for her professionalism, warmth, and ability to brighten the lives of those around her.

Jaki was a loving wife, mother, daughter, and cherished friend. Her incredible creativity, passion, wit, and beauty were matched only by her caring nature

and inner light. Those fortunate enough to be part of her life knew they were truly blessed.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Jerry Ryan; her loving mother, Joyce Shyiak; father, Malcolm Brown; and her beloved son, Noah Cormier (Matt). She will be eternally loved and deeply missed.

A lover of nature, a gifted photographer, and a champion of safe spaces, Jaki found peace and joy at the Kiwanis Cole Harbour Beach & Park on Morris Lake. Her spirit will forever be part of the natural beauty she adored.

The spirit world is glowing a lot brighter now—Park Ranger Jaki has brought her sparkle home. Rest in peace, our beautiful angel.

A celebration of Jaki's life will be held on October 5th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cole Harbour Kiwanis Beach & Park, Morris Lake, 759 Caldwell Rd, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, where friends and family will gather to honor her memory. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the Kiwanis Club of Cole Harbour: morrislake.kiwanis@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ On this date you blessed the world with your arrival, humour, warmth and kindness. Jaki, you will be forever in my thoughts and heart. I will always love you and treasure our lifetime friendship.



Deborah Morgans - December 06, 2025 at 06:17 PM

FL

“ Joyce and Mac I am so sorry to hear of Jacqueline’s passing. We returned from Newfoundland a couple of days before and were aware there had been a death in the building. It was just this weekend when speaking with another resident that I realized it was Jacqueline. I can’t imagine what you are going through but please know we are thinking of you. Take care of each other. Sending our more sincere condolences.

Fiona and Herb Legge

Fiona Legge - October 10, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CH

“ Just want to share that there were many dragonflies visiting all the people who came to Jaki’s celebration of life on Sunday. They were landing on people’s shoulders throughout the afternoon. It was a nice tribute to her from the nature of the park. - Carolyn

Carolyn Hicks - October 07, 2025 at 12:56 PM

CS

“ Jackie, it is hard to believe that you are gone. Never again will I hear that voice on the phone singing to me! You became the sister that I never had, you were family. There are so many memories that we made, the smiles, the laughter and the tears. Never will I forget you. Love you always.

Char Snyder - October 03, 2025 at 02:24 AM



“ Jake, thank you for being you! The most authentic, beautiful, and amazing person that you were. You loved unconditionally and passionately. You will be missed my friend. Rest in peace forever and always. Xxoo



Heather Bourgeois - October 02, 2025 at 01:29 AM

DP

“ Jaki was a beautiful spirit and a joy to be around. Her smile brightened every room she entered. Our deepest condolences to her family. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her. Rest in Eternal Peace Jaki.

From Dana and Bernard Provo

Dana Colley Provo - October 01, 2025 at 06:06 PM

LA

“ Jaki

I can hardly believe you're gone. When I think back to our childhood in Portage and all the memories , my heart fills with gratitude. I was the new kid in town in grade 1 and you made my life so wonderful when I first moved there. We met on the first day and we were inseparable. I'll never forget the endless hours spent at your house - playing barbies, eating Oreos and Fudgeeos, staying up late at sleepovers, and watching Saturday morning wrestling. We had so many laughs and "crazy" memories that I'll carry with me forever. (Rice-A-Roni, Kangaroo Sandwiches, chasing off unwanted guests with those swords, Jonathon Livingston Seagall - just to name a few)

You settled so easily into my family—my mom loved you like a daughter—and it always felt like you belonged with us.

Even though we hadn't seen each other in a couple of decades, we never lost touch. Your messages, full of funny stories and memories, always made me laugh out loud and feel close to you no matter the miles between us. I was so looking forward to meeting up soon, now that I'm in Kentucky and closer to Nova Scotia. My heart aches knowing that won't happen.

You were truly one of a kind, such a special person, and I am so sorry I can't be there in person to celebrate your life. Heaven has gained an angel—and I know you're giving Corky a hug for me.

Love you always,

Laura xx



Laura Andrews - October 01, 2025 at 11:28 AM

CH

“ *Jaki - I miss you. You were always so happy to see me in the park. You would bounce over to see me with your infectious smile and a skip in your step. I will picture you every day like that. I only got to know you this last year - you were such a treasure to find. I wish I had known you long ago. - Carolyn*

Carolyn Hicks - October 01, 2025 at 08:45 AM