



Jean Heather (McKinnon) McNeil

August 3, 1968 - March 8, 2024

It is with sorrowful hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Jean Jeannie Heather (McKinnon) McNeil, a loving daughter, sister, mother, and friend, who died on March 8, 2024, at the age of 55. After a courageous battle with illness over the previous year, she passed away in the intensive care unit (ICU) surrounded by some of her closest loved ones.

Born in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, on August 3, 1968, Jeannie was a bright, cheerful person to everyone she encountered. Known as the "pretty lady in pink," her lively personality will always be connected to the colour she adored. Jeannie was the center of the party, bringing her infectious joy and energy to every get-together. Her dance talents were unrivalled, and her wit and humour were legendary, leaving everyone who knew her in admiration.

Jeannie always desired the best for her two kids, Bethany McNeil (Barkin) (Halifax) and Jason McNeil (Halifax). She gave her heart and soul to raising them, teaching them the qualities of love, kindness, and resilience.

Her family, friends, and everyone who knew her will miss her dearly and cherish their memories. Survived by her husband of over 25 years and life-long companion Chris McNeil (Halifax), her children Bethany and Jason, her mother-in-law Ruth (Harold) Martell (Glace Bay) and sister-in-law Lisa

(Harold) MacNeil (Sydney), and her siblings: Paulette Macintosh (Ontario), Betty (Lloyd) Saniga (Ontario), Kenneth (Francine) McKinnon (Glace Bay), Cathy (Donnie) MacKenzie (Hammond's Plains), Carmie McKinnon (Lower Sackville), Ian (Wendy) McKinnon (Glace Bay), Marilyn McKinnon (Glace Bay), Cellie (Andrew) Chisholm (Lower Sackville). She is also survived by several cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Anita McKinnon (2020) (Lower Sackville), and her parents Earl (2000) and Margaret (1999) (MacPhee) McKinnon (Glace Bay).

Throughout her life, Jeannie touched the hearts of many with her kindness and warmth. She enjoyed late-night chats with friends and was the life of many Cape Breton kitchen parties, where her laughter boomed throughout the room. Her presence illuminated every event, leaving an unforgettable impression on those fortunate enough to know her.

Jeannie leaves a legacy of love, laughter, and cherishable memories. Though she may no longer be with us physically, her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to cross paths with her.

Let us honour Jeannie's memory by remembering the joy she brought into our lives and the love she showed everyone. May her laughter resound in our memories, and may we take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace.

She will be profoundly missed and affectionately remembered by her family, friends, coworkers, and everyone she touched.

May she rest in eternal peace.

A service will be held at a later date, and more information will be provided when the time comes.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Crohn's & Colitis Canada.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Camille lit a candle in memory of Jean Heather (McKinnon) McNeil*



camille - August 03, 2024 at 07:20 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Jean Heather (McKinnon) McNeil*



Jill - April 27, 2024 at 11:48 AM

Jl

“ *You will be sadly missed my beautiful Aunt Jeannie, love you and hold you close to my heart.*

Jill - April 27, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LH

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of this beautiful person 🥹
You will be so missed my friend 🙏*

Laura Lee Howley - March 27, 2024 at 07:47 PM

NA

“ I hold fond memories of Jeannie when we worked together at The Admiral. Her pink office and bubbly personality was always a delight. We kept in touch via FB and it was nice to see her celebrate milestones of her children. My condolences to the family. 🦋



Nabila - March 23, 2024 at 07:41 PM

GA

“ So sorry on the loss of your sister.

gail allison - March 23, 2024 at 05:16 PM

RB

“ Had the pleasure of going to High School with Jeannie! We had some Great Times and Memories !!! I remember her laughter then! So Sorry for your loss!

Robert Burns - March 23, 2024 at 09:42 AM

AM

“ So sorry for this terrible loss. She was a beautiful person that has left this crazy world too soon.... Fly high Jeannie

angela melnick - March 23, 2024 at 08:38 AM

BS

“ Such beautiful words for a beautiful lady. So smart and bubbly and she played such a huge part in all of our lives. I will miss my baby sister, her smiles, her laughter and her presence. Such a huge loss.



Betty Saniga - March 23, 2024 at 07:42 AM

CA

“ I’m so sorry for Jeannie’s Family and friends. Jeannie was always so funny and sweet. Fly High Jeannie

camille - March 23, 2024 at 07:17 AM

JW

“ So many memories of Jeannie . All good but most of them funny. We always had a giggle. Such a kind and sweet lady. You will be missed. Sending love to all.

JoAnn White - March 23, 2024 at 07:15 AM

TH

“ my thoughts and prayers are with all of Jenkins family may she rest in peace

theresadoucette - March 23, 2024 at 06:18 AM

RH

“ Worked with Jeannie at Midtown Building Supplies In the 80's May you rest in peace ,

ruth howley - March 22, 2024 at 10:32 PM

SC

“ May she rest in peace ..Lots of great memories of Jeannie always dressed up happy lady ..Positive hopeful always ..Lots of dinners and visits...



Sandy Cunningham - March 22, 2024 at 12:52 PM