



Tanya Winnifred Starratt

April 10, 1951 - August 27, 2024

Tanya Starratt, born on April 10, 1951, passed away peacefully at the age of 73, surrounded by her loving family.

Tanya was a strong, empathetic, and organized individual who lived a life of integrity. Tanya was an accomplished athlete with a passion for tennis that she passed on to her children. She was also a graceful dancer, a skilled sewist, and a talented painter. Her creativity and disciplined nature shone through in all her pursuits.

As a devoted mother to her two children, Cameron and Neila, Tanya's love and dedication were boundless. She tirelessly supported and encouraged them to reach their full potential, be it in the field of athletics or academics, instilling in them the values of hard work and perseverance that she exemplified throughout her life.

Professionally, Tanya began her career as a Phys Ed teacher. Later, she dedicated many years to special education teaching, where her kindness, commitment, and empathetic nature profoundly impacted the lives of her students. Even after a work-related accident, resulting in a head injury, forced her to retire prematurely, she continued to check in on many of her students and be an important presence in their lives.

Her spirit of generosity extended beyond her immediate circle; Tanya was an active member of her church community and a longtime volunteer with the Special Olympics, touching many lives with her kindness and enthusiasm.

Tanya faced numerous health challenges throughout her life, confronting each obstacle with remarkable stoicism and toughness. She chose to fight her battles privately, maintaining her dignity and strength while continuing to be a pillar of support for her family.

In her later years, Tanya bravely faced Alzheimer's disease with the same courage and resilience that defined her character. Though her four grandchildren—Kinsley, Atticus, William, and Maggie—were born after her diagnosis, and never had the chance to truly know her, the love she had for them was evident in every glance and smile. Her devoted husband, Graham, provided steadfast and loving care, doing everything within his power to ensure she could remain in the comfort of their home, despite the progression of her illness. Tanya was fortunate to have a committed group of caregivers, to whom we will be eternally grateful, who provided her with the highest level of love and care and truly became a part of our family.

No funeral service is planned at this time, but a celebration of life is to come (spring or summer 2025--TBA).

Tribute Wall

LM

*“ I was saddened to learn of Tanya's passing. She was a very lovely person, and I will miss the many tennis games we had with her and Graham.
My deepest condolences to you, Graham, and her family.
Rest in Peace, Tanya.*

Leigh MacDonald - September 19, 2024 at 12:14 PM

LG

“ Dear Graham, I am very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to you and your children.

Lesley Gray - September 13, 2024 at 02:05 PM

EL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tanya's illness and passing. I remember her as a sparkling teacher, always willing to help out with special projects requiring extra time. And such a delightful laugh! She is remembered fondly.

Emily and Ian Levy-Purdy - September 10, 2024 at 09:39 PM

KM

“ Saddened to hear of Tanya's passing. We met while at Uniacke District and continued our friendship through the years. A kind friend and we shared many laughs over the years. Condolences to her family...a very proud mom. Rest in peace my friend.

Kathy MacIntosh - September 09, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LL

“ I was sad to learn of Tanya passing. Tanya was a sweet, kind and generous person that she will surely be missed by all of us.

Lita Lau.

Lita Lau - September 09, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BR

“ Brian R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Winnifred Starratt.

Brian R. - September 04, 2024 at 04:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tanya Winnifred Starratt.



September 04, 2024 at 04:39 AM

LL

“ Larry and Joan Langley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tanya Winnifred Starratt.



Larry and Joan Langley - September 03, 2024 at 09:50 AM

LL

“ *Tanya and I met when we started playing tennis as teenagers 50+ years ago. She was one of the kindest people you could ever hope to meet. My sincerest condolences to the family at this sad time.*

Graham, she has been so very fortunate to have had you as her primary caregiver over the last few years.

Larry Langley - September 03, 2024 at 09:46 AM

PC

“ *Peter and I were shocked to read of Tanyas passing. Peter worked at your home when the mechanical business he worked for closed up. We are both very sorry for you, Graham, Cameron and Neila. Sincerely, Peter and Bonnie Cameron*

Peter Cameron - September 02, 2024 at 11:03 PM

LS

“ *Sending deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Graham, and to Cameron, Neila and their families. Tanya will always be remembered as a dear friend. Our friendship spanned many happy years from the time we were children growing up in beautiful Cape Breton. May you rest in peace, Tanya, and may perpetual light shine upon you. Sincerely, Lorna Steele*



Lorna Steele - September 01, 2024 at 05:54 PM

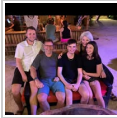
MK

“ Dear Graham, Neila and Cameron,
I wish you could have seen Tanya in her tennis heyday. She was so athletic and beautiful. Her tennis outfits were the envy of the tennis community.

There was no doubting the love she had for her family. Any mention of Neila and Cameron and that beautiful, humble smile would return. She was so proud of you.

Please accept our deepest sympathies,
Michelle Karis and David Anderson

Michelle Karis - August 31, 2024 at 07:29 PM



Sending deepest condolences to Tanya's family. She was my phys Ed teacher at Major Stevens from grades 5-9, and was my idol! She was a terrific role model to youth, and inspired me to pursue dancing-I recall a dance she performed at school, a disco theme, ...she was so graceful and talented! A beautiful person both inside and out. May you rest in peace 'Miss Chambers' ❤️ Coleen Nolan

Coleen Nolan - September 01, 2024 at 09:49 AM

KR

“ I was shocked to hear of Tanya's passing today. My thoughts go out to her family. I met Tanya through the tennis community during her early teaching years and became a close friend. Tanya was an accomplished tennis player and athlete and above all was a beautiful human being.

Kent Ritchie

Kent Ritchie - August 31, 2024 at 10:12 AM

FP

“ Our heartfelt condolences on Tanya's passing. We are forever grateful to Tanya (and Graham). Because of their encouragement and belief in our son (and the respect he had for them), he returned to university and pursued a degree in sports (and added one for management). We doubt this would have happened without their influence.
signed Faye and Terry Power.

Faye and Terry Power - August 31, 2024 at 09:57 AM

LA

“ Our sympathy to all of the family for this loss. As a family, we always enjoyed going to the tournaments to watch our children play tennis, and I remember Tanya as a very supportive mother. I envied her tennis game, Tanya was a a great player herself, and I was rather humbled when she started playing morning tennis with the ladies- very sorry for your loss, much too short a life.
John and Lee Ayer

Lee Ayer - August 31, 2024 at 09:32 AM

KD

“ So sorry to read of Tanya's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting Tanya at St. George's Tennis Club, over 25 years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Kelly Dillman - August 31, 2024 at 09:20 AM

GW

“ Sending all our love to Graham, Neila, Cameron and their families. Tanya was a lovely person and I always enjoyed the time spent with her over the years. She will be missed.

Gindy & J.D. Wheeler - August 31, 2024 at 09:18 AM

DF

“ David and Karen McInnes and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Winnifred Starratt.

David and Karen McInnes and family - August 31, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Tanya Winnifred Starratt.



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PS

“ A life demonstration of courage and perseverance by Tanya, Graham and family. May her memory be a source of strength and inspiration.
Patrick Sullivan.

Patrick Sullivan - August 31, 2024 at 06:39 AM

KC

“ “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” That was Tanya’s belief to the core. She was a loving embodiment of quiet strength. ❤️

Kathleen Crassweller - August 30, 2024 at 07:12 AM

HA

“ We're very sorry for the loss of Tanya. We didn't have the opportunity to meet her but from this write up it truly shows just how impactful of a person she was. She clearly touched many lives in a positive way and made deep impact in many peoples lives. Sending love and prayers. Julia, Harrison, Hudson, Simba and Rafiki.

Harrison - August 29, 2024 at 07:59 PM

HM

“ Remembering dear Tanya with much love. She really was just a very sweet, kind and gentle soul.

Heather McQuinn - August 29, 2024 at 07:27 PM