Blondeau, Donna Yvonne

September 21, 2026

Donna Yvonne Blondeau

Donna Yvonne Blondeau, passed away on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, at the age of 70 years, leaving behind a life marked by generosity, kindness, courage, and a steadfast spirit that touched everyone who knew her.

Born on August 17th, 1956, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Donna carried the strength of her prairie roots throughout her life. She was a woman of deep conviction and quiet grace, someone who believed in the power of compassion, the dignity of every person, and the importance of living with purpose. Her life reflected a spiritual understanding that love is not only spoken, but lived through action, service, and the way one shows up for others in times of need.

Donna pursued her education at the University of Regina, where she majored in psychology and minored in geology. Her studies reflected both her desire to understand the human heart and her

appreciation for the world around her. She brought thoughtfulness and insight to all she did, and those who knew her often saw in her a rare light with the ability to listen deeply, speak truthfully, and encourage others with wisdom and warmth. She also had many certificates through the HeartMath Institute as well as many others, including as a certified courthouse dog program leader. Her education helped shape a career devoted to helping people, and she became the first Victim's Services Coordinator of the Moose Jaw Police Service. In that role, she offered comfort, guidance, and stability to individuals during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Her work was a true extension of her character, and she served with dignity, empathy, and unwavering dedication for over two decades. Donna assisted MJPS in acquiring Kane, from the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society, where together they worked as a canine assisted intervention team, the first in Saskatchewan. She was also a long-standing committee member on the Moose Jaw Trauma Response Team, as well as a co-ordinator of the Moose Jaw Police Services' Critical Incident Response Debrief Team.

Donna's commitment to service and community was recognized through the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award, a meaningful acknowledgment of the difference she made in the lives of others. Along with many other certificates and recognition awards, some of which include the Chief of Police Innovation Award, recognition from the John Howard Society, and MJPS Corporal's and Inspectors Compliment. Yet for Donna, recognition was never the goal. She was motivated by a sincere desire to ease suffering, uplift others, and leave the world better than she found it. She understood that even small acts of care can carry great power, and she lived that truth faithfully.

Her spirituality was a guiding light throughout her life. Donna lived with an open heart and a deep trust in the presence of the divine. She was the kind of person who encouraged others not to give up, to keep moving forward, and to remember that every challenge can be met with courage and grace. She had the rare gift of making people feel seen, valued, and strengthened. Her words and her example inspired many, and her life served as a reminder that faith is often expressed through kindness, perseverance, and love in action.

Donna found joy in the beauty of the outdoors, and she especially enjoyed kayaking and canoeing. She appreciated the peace of water, the movement of fresh air, and the sense of freedom that came with being outside in nature. She also had a deep love for the arts, including guitar and drawing, which allowed her to express her creativity and her gentle spirit. She cherished time spent hosting large family gatherings, where laughter, conversation, and togetherness filled the room. These moments reflected what mattered most to her, which was connection, belonging, and the simple joy of being surrounded by those she loved.

She was predeceased by her parents, Gladys Blondeau (née: Gardipie) and Arthur Blondeau; grandparents, George and Bella (née: Boyer) Gardipie, Joseph and Mary-Alexandrine (née: Klyne) Blondeau; nephew, Arek Hawkes; brother, Ronnie Blondeau; partner, Valerie Girard; and her dogs, Kane and Sophie, and cat Cody. Their memory remained with her, and the bonds of love they shared continued to shape her heart. Donna is survived by her sister, Sandra (Ralph) Hawkes; nieces and nephews: Joey (Dean) Streelasky, Jay (Nick) Oleynick, Jacquelyn Hawkes, and Marc (Desiree) Hawkes; and the remainder of the Blondeau family. Her family was a source of joy and meaning in her life, and she treasured each relationship with tenderness and devotion.

Those who loved Donna will remember her as a generous, kind, and courageous woman whose presence brought comfort and strength. She lived with a sincere and giving spirit, and she faced life with resilience and faith. Her legacy is found not only in the work she did and the lives she touched, but also in the example she set by living with purpose, compassion, and spiritual grace. She reminded others that a meaningful life is built one loving act at a time, and that the light we carry can continue to shine in the hearts of those we leave behind.

Donna’s life was a blessing, and her memory will remain a source of encouragement to all who were fortunate enough to know her. May her journey be held in peace and may her loved ones find comfort in the enduring love, wisdom, and strength she shared so freely.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

at 1:00 p.m. at the Shields Community Hall in Shields, Saskatchewan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Donna's name may be made to Infinite Abilities Assistance Dogs https://iaad.ca Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Gary McDowell, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.

David Howick on September 21, 2026 at 1:02 pm

A huge loss to our community. The obituary says it all so beautifully. It was a joy to be on the same committees with her over many years, including the Moose Jaw Trauma Response Team. Sincere thoughts and prayers.

Reply

2.

Norine seida on September 21, 2026 at 7:08 pm

So sad to hear of Donna's passing, she contributed so much to our community. She was always willing to visit and interested in what was going on. Such a kind, humble soul. Thinking of you Donna, condolences to the family.

Reply

3.

Sandi Nixon on September 21, 2026 at 10:30 pm

I am greatly saddened to read that Donna has left us. She

was a remarkable woman who made a difference in so many lives. I remember her best with Kane. They were a perfect match, both so empathetic and compassionate. Donna will be greatly missed.

Reply

4.

RACHEL on September 22, 2026 at 12:42 am

You were a great lady and it was an honour to know you and be a friend RIP my friend

Reply

5.

Kristin on September 22, 2026 at 6:57 am

I worked with Donna at MJPS. She was a true ray of love and light. Sending thoughts and love to the family and all those that will have a piece of them missing in a world with Donna.

Reply

6.

Kelly-Ann Schad on September 22, 2026 at 10:16 am

Our condolences to all of Donna’s siblings and their families. May your memories of Donna comfort you as you

grieve.

Bob&Kelly-Ann Schad

Reply

7.

Dennis Grado on September 22, 2026 at 11:46 am

Thoughts and prayers to all of Donna’s families and friends.

Grew up with the Blondeau’s on Wolfe Ave.

Pam and Dennis Grado

Reply

8.

Della Ferguson on September 22, 2026 at 12:00 pm

Donna, I am forever grateful to have known you and worked side by side with you. Your legacy lives on. Thank you and peace be with you.

Reply

9.

Blair & Roberta Bucsis on September 22, 2026 at 2:06 pm

To All of the Blondeau family: Please accept our deepest condolences at your loss. Donna will be missed, but not

forgotten. It was a pleasure working with her and talking with her even when she moved. We will always remember her smile and infectious laugh, especially when it came to Kane, Sophie and Cody and the stories she would share about them. We will keep her and you all in our prayers.

Reply

10.

Heather Grace Hodgson on September 22, 2026 at 4:54 pm

This is a terrible shock. I have known Donna since the early 1970s and regarded her as a friend and half-sister because of our cultural background. She was also a very special friend of my late mother (C.Wilna “Willy” Hodgson). They worked together for many years in their respective roles (mom as a social worker and Donna with Victim’s Services). But they were more than colleagues and friends. They were like family. Donna and my late dad (Bill Hodgson) were great friends. At dad’s 90th birthday, Donna showed up, read a litany of hilarious charges and handcuffed him (Dollarama handcuffs). Everything in this beautiful obituary is sooo true of her. Safe journey, Donna! See you on the other side. ♥□♥□

Reply

11.

Ronald Bruce Lamb on September 23, 2026 at 8:19 am

My condolences to the Blondeau family. We had neighbours by that name on 8th Avenue Northeast in Moose Jaw, nice

people, several children. This was in the 1950’s.

Reply

12.

Charlotte Blondeau on September 23, 2026 at 12:41 pm

Rest in peace to my Auntie was who there for me during some very difficult times. I will never forget your support, love, and comfort. Thank you, Auntie. May you rest in peace❤

Reply

13.

Tyler Grado on September 24, 2026 at 9:30 pm

I will always remember Donna a good friend of the family. My mom and dad thought very highly of her. I also remember her as one heck of a ball player. A fearless competitor on and off the field. My condolences to her family and friends.

Reply

14.

Rhonda Derby on September 27, 2026 at 10:30 am

Condolences to all who knew Donna. Truly a wonderful person.

You will be missed by many.

Rest in peace.

Reply