



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Sharon Elizabeth (Dawe) Cournoyer**

AUGUST 17TH 1947 - APRIL 11 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**MAY 26TH 2024**

2:30PM AT ST. JAMES, ARMDALE  
2668 JOSEPH HOWE DR. HALIFAX, NS B3L4E4

# OBITUARY

The family of Sharon E. Cournoyer are deeply saddened to announce her passing on April 11, 2024, in the Victoria General Hospital after a lengthy period of illness.

Born in St. John's, NL, on August 17, 1947, Sharon was the beloved and only child of Harvey Chesley Dawe and Jean Margaret (Cornick) Dawe. Due to her father's employment with the federal government the family later established their permanent residence in Halifax, NS.

Following her graduation from Queen Elizabeth High School Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University with a major in Psychology showcasing her dedication to learning and her understanding of the human mind.

After graduation Sharon was employed as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor at the Rehabilitation Centre located in the old Civic Hospital. In 1975 she began her career as a Probation Officer with the Attorney General's Department later known as the Department of Justice where she remained until her retirement in 2000. While employed with Justice her work had a positive impact on many lives, Sharon received the federal Corrections Exemplary Service Medal and the NS Government's 25-year Long Service Award before her retirement.

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An extremely talented seamstress Sharon worked part-time during her university days in the alterations department of Mills Brothers; one of Halifax's finest ladies fashion stores. In her leisure time she enjoyed bowling, curling, and baking. Later, Sharon found joy in camping with Serge at Kejimikujik National Park and tending to her beautiful gardens. She was also a talented knitter who created many lovely gifts for lucky friends and for her own use as well. Anyone who knew Sharon recognized that along with her infectious laugh, she was a very kind, thoughtful, and generous person. She loved children and animals, especially the family's dogs.

Sharon's warm and caring nature touched the hearts of many throughout her life, including the hospital staff at the QEII Health Sciences Centre and the Victoria General Hospital Intensive Care Unit who provided her with exceptional care and support during her time of need. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her kindness, strength, and love will forever remain in the hearts of those she leaves behind. May she rest in eternal peace.

She was predeceased by her parents and her loving husband, Serge Cournoyer, whom she married in 1979, as well as cousin Jimmy Cornick, St. John's, NL.

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Sharon is survived by her much-loved and devoted son, Shawn Dennis (Tanya), Shawn's daughter and cherished granddaughter, Courtney, and step-son Jeff Desjardins (Jennah).

She is also survived by many family members, including Debbie and Desmond McGrath, Rita, Bill, Gary, David, Anthea and Barry Dawe, Ann Nichol, and Judi Annan. David, Donald, and Douglas Chard, Isabelle, Norma Jean, and George Cornick.

Funeral will be held at St. James Anglican Church, 2668 Joseph Howe Drive, May 26, 2024, at 2:30pm. Streamed live on the following link: [www.facebook.com/SaintJamesHalifax](http://www.facebook.com/SaintJamesHalifax)

