



## Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer

April 5, 1968 - February 8, 2019

Joanne Maria Klauer passed away on Friday, February 8 at 5pm in her home in Calgary. She was in the company of an intimate group of family, friends and medical professionals.

Joanne was born in Edmonton, Alberta on April 5, 1968. Her parents, Theodore and Lorna Klauer, raised her on their family farm near Wainwright, Alberta. Animals were always a big part of Joanne's life, especially horses. Her passion for riding lead her to leave home for the summers from the young age of 15 so she could live and work at a stable near Sherwood Park. Joanne trained and competed in hunter jumping. After high school she left home again, this time to go to the University of Alberta, after which she was off to the University of Saskatchewan for law school.

Joanne moved to Calgary in 1994 to article with the Milner Fenerty law firm. In 1995 she left Milner Fenerty to begin a career as a municipal lawyer in Brownlee Fryett's Calgary office. Joanne excelled at municipal law and had found her calling and passion as a lawyer. After 18 years at Brownlee, Joanne moved her practice to MLT Aikins. Joanne had a reputation as a strong and loyal advocate for her clients and was recognised as one of the leading municipal lawyers in Alberta. She was affectionately known to her clients as "Slayer".

But Joanne's true passion was her animals. Joanne always kept her home full of cats and dogs, many of whom were rescues. She was actively involved in every manner of dog competition as a trainer, competitor and judge. She was part of the Alberta Boxer Rescue Society and of the Canadian Kennel Club. Her awards and ribbons, including several national championships, are displayed throughout her home. In recent years her love of animals took her to Botswana for what became an annual pilgrimage on safari. Her photos, posted extensively on Facebook, are an amazing account of her many adventures, especially with the big cats of Africa.

Joanne died as she lived; stoically, fearlessly and with her particular brand of attitude. Her irreverent humour was with her to the end. She chose to die in her own home, on her terms through the Medical Assistance In Dying program. A dignified end to a life well-lived.

Joanne was predeceased by her father Theodore in September 1997. She leaves her mother, Lorna, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins to mourn her.

Joanne was adamant that there would be no funeral or 'celebration of life'. Rather, she suggested quietly raising a glass of your favourite drink to her memory. Rest In Peace (as if!) Joanne Maria Klauer.

Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I learned only yesterday of Joanne's passing, having lost touch with her, but never forgetting her superb mentorship in legal and animal matters. She brought a rescue pup back from Edmonton for me years ago and would check in on him (and me) to gently ensure I was doing right by him. Joanne was secure in, and generous with, her knowledge, whether of law or animals, and was always happy to share. She said of her show dog Taylor, that he was mercury quick in mind, body, and spirit, always demanding she "Keep Up". Joanne too was mercury quick and expected that those she mentored, "Keep Up". It was a privilege to know her. Joanne- I will remember you fondly and with gratitude. A glass has been raised.

*Loretta Murphy*

---

**Loretta Murphy** - July 13, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ I learned so much from Joanne and knew we were in such good hands when she was on the case. So smart and experienced but knew how to talk to people to make sure they understood. Just a real professional. Her sage advice will be ringing in my head for the rest of my working days. "What would Joanne do?" will be a mantra in our office for a very long time.

---

**Kristen Tuff Glenn** - June 20, 2019 at 11:35 AM

KG

“ Joanne was a tremendous professional and wise beyond her years. I feel blessed to have known her. Our heartfelt condolences.

*Kevin E.J. Greig  
(Former Rocky View County CAO)*

---

**Kevin Greig** - April 01, 2019 at 05:53 PM

FH

“ Fred Hanselmann lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer



Fred Hanselmann - March 09, 2019 at 09:40 AM

FH

*It dos not metter when you lose a person, its always too early and it always hurts.*

*we are in memory of you and your family*

*From your german family Gretel, Kurt, Fred and family*

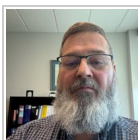
Fred Hanselmann - March 09, 2019 at 09:46 AM

JH

“ Jill Henheffer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer



Jill Henheffer - February 25, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ A Glass has been duly raised. Rest Easy

Brad Mason - February 19, 2019 at 10:28 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Blanchfield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer*



---

**Brenda Blanchfield** - February 15, 2019 at 12:39 PM

CV

“ *God speed my friend. I will miss you.*

---

**Cynthia Vizzutti** - February 14, 2019 at 03:33 PM

DN

“ *Dana Nowak lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer*



---

**Dana Nowak** - February 12, 2019 at 11:31 PM

LL

“ *Many good memories. Trying to focus on those. Sincere condolences. Especially to her nieces who she was so proud of.*



---

**Leo Ludwig** - February 12, 2019 at 08:46 PM

AL

“ *Angie Lucas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer*



Angie Lucas - February 12, 2019 at 06:42 PM

CN

“ *My condolences to Joanne's family. I had the pleasure of working with Joanne over the last four years in her municipal planning work. She was always such a lively, brilliant person and the utmost professional. Thinking of everyone who knew her well in this difficult time.*

Colton Nickel - February 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM

BG

“ *Brent Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer*



Brent Gordon - February 11, 2019 at 01:30 PM

RW

“ *Ron Weston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer*



Ron Weston - February 11, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ Leonard Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer



---

**Leonard Zebedee** - February 10, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ Sharon Doll lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Maria Klauer



---

**Sharon Doll** - February 10, 2019 at 03:28 AM