



Leanne Shawn Mantha

June 14, 2022

My heart is unbearably heavy at the passing of my beloved wife Leanne. She will always remain a part of me.

I feel lucky that we were able to find each other and share our lives together. We first met on a rooftop gathering underneath the stars and talked all through the night. We agreed to meet for dinner the following day and we were never apart after that.

I loved her and I admired her. She rose, on your own, to have a senior position at the largest investment management company in the world.

She was always considerate of others. When we first started seeing each other, she was volunteering at a soup kitchen on Sunday mornings after working tirelessly all week. She made me a better person.

She loved our home and making it cozy and comfortable to share with our friends. One of her joys was having dinner parties where she could plan and cook amazing meals.

We loved doing everything together. We always walked our dog together. We traveled the world and had wonderful adventures. We loved to visit the great cities of the world and explore them thoroughly. Paris, Rome, Athens, Barcelona, London, New York, San Francisco, Melbourne are just some. She loved our adventures of climbing Gros Point mountain in Saint Lucia, and horse back riding in Mexico to catching scallops off the coast of Francois, Newfoundland.

All I ever really wanted, was to be with her.

Tribute Wall

KN

“ I first met Leanne when my family moved to Toronto and I became friends with Lauren at school. Twenty years later I reunited with Leanne, John, Lauren and Ruben when I moved from Melbourne to live and work in Toronto. They welcomed me into their beautiful home and treated me like family. Leanne was supportive through all the highs and lows of living in a new country, gave great advice, and was always there if I needed her.

She loved to have a good time, especially a dance, and had a great sense of humour and adventure. I really admired her work ethic and her loyalty to her family and friends - she was so proud of Lauren. I loved her cooking and how she could bring people together over food. She was warm and created a beautiful inviting home with John. She hosted many of my visiting Aussie friends and they all remember her as generous and kind.

Some fond memories include celebrating holidays together, BBQ's in the backyard, walks with Bella, her 50th celebration, coffee and listening to music in the kitchen, bottles of Casillero del Diablo, and Lauren and Ruben's wedding. We continued to make more memories when Leanne and John visited Melbourne, what fun we all had!

A key to Leanne and John's home hangs proudly in our kitchen in Melbourne, below a photo of Leanne, John, Lauren, Ruben, Bella and Charlotte.

Leanne - I will be forever grateful for the strong relationship with you, spanning many years between Australia and Canada, and for your generosity towards me. I feel lucky to have been in your world and will miss you dearly.

All our love to John, Lauren, Ruben and family.

Kimberley, Noah and Kaia



Kimberley Nance - July 17 at 08:59 PM

“ We first met Leanne when we moved into the same apartment building on Wellesley St, while working in Toronto in 1994, and Lauren was in Grade 3 with our daughter Kimberley at Church Street Junior Public School. Leanne and Lauren welcomed us into their home and life and showed us how to enjoy all things Canadian. We loved the walks to ice skating rinks before joining Leanne and Lauren for little party gatherings with their friends. Leanne’s friendly generosity was contagious and she and Jill shared a great love of cooking and swapped endless recipes. The memory of lined up wet boots at their apartment door has stayed with us sunburnt Aussies forever. We were lucky to share in Leanne’s legendary cooking bake ups for her open house days just before Christmas. We have enjoyed a very close friendship ever since. Her warmth and friendship crossed the seas from Canada to Australia and back. Kimberley returned to live and work in Toronto in 2014 and Leanne welcomed her into her home again, with John and Lauren and Ruben, and she was like a second mum to Kimberley. We were so glad Leanne and John made it to Australia and Leanne smelt the gum trees and literally shook hands with the kangaroos and cuddled a koala. We are so pleased that Leanne’s warmth and love will continue to blossom through the friendship between our two wonderful daughters.

All our love to John, Lauren and Ruben and all Leanne’s family. Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote: “It is not the length of life, but the depth”. By gosh Leanne dug deep, and we were so lucky to be a part of it!

Jill and David



Jill and David Nance - July 17 at 08:56 PM

KK

“ It's been about a month since I learned about Leanne's untimely passing. Like others, I was absolutely shocked upon hearing the news. So much so that it was tough for me to keep my composure at the office. It still seems surreal as I type this and see her smiling face to the left.

I had the privilege of working with Leanne for close to about 4-5 years here at BlackRock. I always admired how professional yet friendly and down to earth she was at work. She was always so organized and punctual and radiated confidence with an unassuming flair. I even got the benefit of meeting her in person a few years back when she was in San Francisco. Sounds like she was a foodie in her personal life so in true Leanne fashion she so kindly took me to lunch. In addition to talking about current work 'stuff' we also chatted about clothes, fitness, and our careers and the respective paths they each took. I felt this 'cool aunt'/'big sister' vibe from her as she respectfully shared her experiences and offered advice. She was someone I liked working with and just chatting with.

We had a good laugh when I last spoke with her on April 14th. I had called to tell her I'd be out of the office for about a week or two on medical leave for a procedure and that's when she shared with me her own leave. We joked at the irony of us being out at same time (although hers was longer) and that we were both falling apart and likely project x will still be pending upon her return. And then she of course emailed me after our procedures and we complained about hospital food and recoveries. It absolutely warmed my heart that she thought of me during her own struggles - although she didn't allude to them. Nor did I know at the time the severity of the mountain she was climbing.

My sincere condolences to her family. Leanne was truly a remarkable person who exuded warmth and sincerity who I will remember fondly. I feel so lucky to have known her.

Sincerely,
Karen Keyser

Karen Keyser - July 13 at 05:47 PM

MK

“ I can't begin to wrap my head around this madness. We have the technology to send people to space but we can't cure diseases that rob us of our existence. I feel so profoundly sad, but found comfort in reading the tributes. I knew Leanne as she is my sister Edyth's dear friend. Leanne was always so kind and inviting to me. She often made an effort to visit with me when I was in town, even baking my favorite butter tarts for me. As I enjoyed reading the tribute wall and learning more about Leanne it left me pondering the thought: Why do we wait until someone is gone to say nice things about them? Let's pay it forward in Leanne's honor. Let us tell our loved ones what they mean to us, hug our children more often, be more kind and patient and less critical, smile more, show gratitude, be a mentor and find pleasure in simple things. Let us aspire to be the beautiful soul Leanne was! To Leann's family and friends, may your fond memories of Leanne bring you peace, comfort and joy.
Love to you all. Margaret



Margaret Karwecki - July 06 at 01:36 AM

GE

“ To all who loved Leanne, especially John, Lauren, Elle, Kinga and Tom, I offer my deepest condolences. Leanne was a wonderful, caring, thoughtful friend. I will miss her deeply and will hold the memories of our friendship and happy times together forever in my heart.

“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” – Helen Keller

Geri - June 28 at 01:37 PM

DA

“ I didn't know Leanne well but I sure liked her and was grateful for her help and collegiality. A Swiss-based BlackRocker, I visited the Toronto office years ago and learned we had a Kaslo connection and really hit it off. I was always happy to dial into a call and see she was there too. VERY saddened and shocked to hear this news.

David - June 28 at 11:11 AM

KI

Thank you, David, from her brother.

kinga - June 29 at 03:37 PM

CH

“ Leanne,

From the moment I met you, you made me feel comfortable in your home. As a friend of Lauren, my parents and I always knew that I was taken care of when with you. They knew it was a safe and nurturing place to sleep over and that you wouldn't let me eat 5 bowls of ice cream haha.

I remember one morning you encouraged me to go on a run with you and Lauren and you lent me a pair of your running shoes! I'm certain I slowed you both down but you didn't seem to mind as I believe being together was the most important thing to you.

As I grew into an adult I would observe you and look to you as a role model in motherhood and marriage. I admired your ambition, kindness, generosity, quick wit, and reliability. Mostly, I admired your family traditions! Music in the home, parties bringing people of all walks of life together, family dinners and wacky cake for birthdays! I plan to bake my first wake wake in your honour.

*My deepest condolences to Elle, Kinga, John and my dear Lauren.
Love Chloe*

chloe - June 24 at 08:40 AM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 24 at 01:52 PM

AB

“ Dear Leanne,

It's hard to come up with the right words to express the deep sadness I feel after hearing of your passing. Truthfully, it's all I've been able to think about this past week.

When I think about BlackRock and my career these past 9 years, I think of you. I am reminded of your incredible work ethic, your professionalism, your keen eye for detail, your ability to be stern yet fair and your endless pool of knowledge. I think of your passion, your infectious smile, your sensitive side, your kindness and your willingness to always help others and to find a solution to any problem. I think of how you took a chance on a then 25 year old with very little experience and molded me into the woman I am today - professionally and personally. I truly cannot thank you enough for believing in me and for your continued support along the way. You were more than a manager and colleague; you were a mentor, a sponsor, a champion and confidant.

I will miss you dearly but I have no doubt your legacy will live on. Thank you for the wisdom and for the memories. May you rest in paradise with eternal love.

My sincere condolences to Lauren, John, Ruban, Bella and the rest of your lovely family. May tender memories soften your grief.

Amber-Lynn Barton

Amber-Lynn Barton - June 22 at 09:40 PM

KI

Awww....thank you from the entire family.

kinga - June 23 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ Dear Leanne, I will truly miss your vibrance and the energy you brought to the BlackRock office. I will always remember you for your knowledge, tenacity, and passion. I could always count on you to help provide a solution. Thank you for hiring me, and for all of the support that you have given me. I am grateful to have known you and I will always cherish the years we worked together. You will never be forgotten. May you rest peacefully in grace and love. My heartfelt condolences to your family.

Carlette Millerfrancis

Carlette Millerfrancis - June 22 at 03:13 PM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 22 at 04:17 PM

EM

“ John, Leanne, Elle and Kinga,

I'm coming to terms with the loss of your beloved Leanne, to me she was a wonderful woman, an excellent colleague and a dear, dear friend

Leanne and I worked together for the past 16 years, during the last 8 of those years we were on the same team providing whatever was needed for the smooth running of the Canadian business, including building out a team of 8 very talented folks as our responsibilities grew. We were very proud of our team and the level of work that they produced.

Leanne was able to challenge me and give me tough feedback which made me a better leader and a better person.....that in itself is a skill that many people could learn from, to give honest real-time feedback with no malice or hidden agenda. I think that one of the key reasons why we were so successful was our honesty with each other. We were able to handle anything that came our way.

But what sticks out in my mind most clearly is the fun that we had....we worked hard but always found joy in what we were doing. We laughed often. We participated in fund raising events, championed local charities for Gives Grants and were active members in the various employee networks, Leanne led the Woman's Network for a number of years and in 2017 was awarded the Champions of Change by Women in Capital Markets for her work with WIN. We travelled together frequently to Montreal, New York, Princeton, and our beloved San Francisco. After a long day filled with meetings we would visit one of our favourite restaurants.

As friends do, we shared many stories about our families, (including raising teenagers into young independent adults) our pets, our vacation plans and our health challenges. Through all of these chats it was always evident that Leanne was very dedicated and loyal to you and loved you all dearly.

I will miss my daily texts from Leanne, always with a quip or cartoon to make me smile. I will keep these many memories with me always.

Eleanor McIntyre

Eleanor McIntyre - June 22 at 03:06 PM

KI

Sincere thanks from the entire family.

kinga - June 22 at 04:18 PM

CL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Claire - June 21 at 05:44 PM

CF

“ I am struggling to believe Leanne is actually gone. We met at the gym several years back. I believe it was a yoga class and Lauren was there too! We chatted in the change room, she talked me into trying spinning classes and from there our friendship grew. Before I knew it we were getting together outside the gym for dinners with our spouses!
Leanne was sensitive, caring, thoughtful and full of energy. We will miss her greatly.

John, Lauren and family, please accept our heartfelt sympathies,

Cindy and Chris

Cynthia Fielding - June 21 at 05:34 PM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 22 at 12:38 PM

DG

“ *What amazing and beautiful tributes to my cousin Leanne. Leanne was a light in many lives and someone truly special. Even with the great physical distance between us, Leanne was always there as a cherished cousin and family member. I'm so proud of her. It's comforting to know that most of her life was happy and successful and that she created that herself.*

Deepest sympathies to John and Lauren, Elle and Kinga, and all the family and friends who loved her.

Rest in peace, Leanne.

Love Doug



Doug Greenall - June 20 at 04:36 PM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 04:52 PM

DL

“ *Dear Leanne, I'm incredibly saddened to learn of your passing. I will never forget your kindness as you were one of the first people to reach out and welcome me to the office as I moved back to Toronto. As many have noted already, you were always available and genuinely wanting to help in any way you could because you were a truly wonderful and caring person. I will always cherish my time with you as my neighbor across from my desk. I will miss our greetings and goodbyes every day. I will miss our friendly conversations not about work, but just our daily lives.*

-Danny Li

Danny Li - June 20 at 03:08 PM

KI

Thank you, Danny.

kinga - June 20 at 04:46 PM

ND

“ Such a shock and sadness to hear of Leanne's passing. From the moment I arrived in Canada Leanne helped make me feel the most welcome and part of the BLK Canada family possible. She was a warm and kind lady who helped me in so many of the little things when moving country whilst always looking out for me and genuinely caring. Condolences to all of Leanne's family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all
Neil Dewar

Neil Dewar - June 20 at 01:35 PM

KI

Neil, thank you for the kind words.

kinga - June 20 at 04:51 PM

JH

“ Dear Leanne, I was so terribly saddened to hear of your passing. I am still having trouble believing that you are gone as you were always such a vibrant and energetic person.

Leanne and I met nearly 30 years ago when we were both working at Towers Perrin and became fast friends both at work and outside of work. Leanne made this easy with her warm personality, kindness and her willingness to always listen, provide advice and help. Once we were no longer working together, I looked forward to meeting up for our regular coffee gab fests to catch up on the goings on in our respective lives and shared many laughs, and some tears. She always had a way of uplifting me with her positive attitude and infectious smile when I needed it most.

Leanne, my friend, I will miss you terribly. You are in a better place now. RIP!

My most heart felt condolences to you, John, Lauren, family and loved ones.

With love Josie, Andrew & Justin

Josie Hawe - June 20 at 11:24 AM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 11:38 AM

TA

“ Hello Leanne, it was truly lovely getting to meet and know you a little bit. I always told Lauren that you reminded me of my mom. Deeply saddened that you had to leave this world so early, Lauren was blessed to have you as a mom and I know you will be dearly missed. May you be running around and dancing in heaven looking down and watching over everyone. To the family, so sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts.

Tami - June 20 at 09:41 AM

KI

Thank you, Tami.

kinga - June 20 at 11:37 AM

CR

“ To Eleanor, Kinga, Lauren and John:
I am so sorry for your devastating loss. From the first time I met Leanne, over thirty years ago, I could see that she was a devoted mother and a caring and loving soul for her family and loved ones. She opened her heart and home to family and friends and made this world a better place. My deepest sympathy and condolences.
With love,
Catherine Russell

Catherine Russell - June 20 at 07:08 AM

KI

Thank you, so much.

kinga - June 20 at 09:50 AM

JG

“ So shocked and saddened by this terrible news. Leanne was such a beautiful being, solid and grounded. I loved her opinions, suggestions and company. And food! She was a great cook and I'll miss our discussions about recipes and restaurants. She was so vital, and truly knew how to enjoy life. I'm so so sorry John and Lauren for this heartbreaking loss.

Julie Glick - June 19 at 09:19 PM

KI

Thank you, Julie. From the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 09:51 AM

GC

“ Dear Leanne – I can’t believe you are gone, you truly were one of the great ones.

You’ve been such a wonderful friend since we first worked together many years ago, you were always there with your kindness, compassion and caring. As much as you shared your family stories and updates, you always asked about me and my family. You took the time to listen, you gave sage advice and you made the best carrot cake!

Throughout this trying time, you always had an impressive positive attitude. This obviously wasn’t easy for you and John and Lauren, but I know your optimistic demeanor was to put the rest of us at ease. And this was the essence of you – always thinking about others.

We miss you but I know you’re now in a better place. John and Lauren will be okay because of the great memories and also because of the solid support from family and friends of which you had been the centre and our star.

Tiddely Pom to you my friend.

Greg Chai - June 19 at 11:31 AM

KI

Greg, thank you for the kind words.

kinga - June 20 at 09:52 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Edyth Karwecki - June 19 at 10:54 AM

KI

Great images. Thank you.

kinga - June 20 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ *Leanne was a glowing soul who was full of energy. She was a caring person who will be sorely missed. It is heartbreaking to have her gone so soon. My heart is with John and the rest of the family.*

Justin McConnell - June 19 at 10:53 AM

KI

Thank you very much.

kinga - June 20 at 09:55 AM

EK

“ *I will cherish our memories always.
Rest in Peace my beautiful friend.*
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Edyth Karwecki - June 19 at 10:51 AM

LJ

“ *We were so very sad on hearing the passing of Dear Leanne. She was such a kind and gentle Lady. Our heartfelt sympathy to my Cousin John, Lauren and family in such a difficult loss. Our prayers and Loving thoughts are with you.*
Linda and Jerry Jackson

Linda Jackson - June 19 at 08:57 AM

KI

Thank you, From the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 09:56 AM

MP

“ It is with such a heavy heart that Harvey and I send love to John, Lauren & Ruben and Elle and Tomas. We know the deep sadness that is with you all these past few days. We are also crying and crying trying to come to grips with the sadness that is filling our hearts. From reading your tributes to Leanne it has given us some comfort. Knowing that you are all strong is a blessing. She was always from her baby days onward such a joy to all of us. She really was our little goody. She was the star we all gravitated around. Amidst our tears we will look for ways to make sense of all this . We will miss Leanne always. She meant so much to so many and words cannot even begin to describe the grief we feel. Every morning my heart breaks all over again. I just hope in time our beautiful memories can console us as we journey on our way.

Marlene Prescott - June 19 at 01:03 AM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 11:36 AM

WO

“ My sincerest condolences to Leanne’s family , wishing you all comfort, courage and lots of love at this most difficult time. I met Leanne early in elementary years , we played we laughed, we had so much fun together, beautiful friend, kindest heart and her loving smile. I love you my dear friend . Sending my love and hugs


Wendy Visnoski Orr - June 18 at 10:24 PM

KI

Wendy, your comments are much appreciated. Kinga

kinga - June 20 at 09:58 AM

LS

“ Dear Leanne,

I woke up this morning and my first thought was of you.

We have known each other for 28 years. Which memories were cherished? All of them.

Remember that night at the Velvet Underground, making our way through the crowd to get to the dance floor before that one song was over? Or, our day trip to the Grand Canyon, when we were celebrating E's 50th birthday in Sedona, and I thought you were standing too close to the edge of the cliff? Or (Polish) holiday brunch at my parent's house and Snow my dog would not leave Lauren's side. Was she 7 at the time? Oh....the first time I had you over for dinner at my condo. I made you pork chops and they sucked. Our birthday dinners with Edyth and Alida - we never missed a birthday celebration. Your Christmas open houses - you and John....so hospitable. So so many memories.

But it is with a very heavy heart that I say goodbye to you - one of the truly most remarkable people to have ever graced by life. I will forever hold you in my heart.

*Love,
Lisa*

P.S. You really did make the best pumpkin pies.



Lisa Swiekatun - June 18 at 09:18 PM

KI

Fantastic. Thank you, Kinga

kinga - June 20 at 10:00 AM



“ Thanks to Lauren and Ruben we were able to share and have wonderful moments with Leanne, we will always remember her for her kindness, wonderful meals and amazing hugs, hugs that always made us feel love and welcome. We will miss her greatly.

Lauren, John, Eleanor and Kinka, we are deeply saddened for Leanne's passing, we are praying for you and we are here for anything you need.

Sending you our prayers and a lot of hugs.

Vivi, Noe, Diego and Isabel



Viviana H - June 18 at 08:15 PM

KI

Thank you from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 10:01 AM

MP

“ What kind of words describe how I feel about my beautiful, accomp-ished niece Leanne also know by her nickname Skoy. There are no words that adequately describe her. But I will try to use my inadequate words to express my love for her. She was vibrant, warm, sensitive, accomplished and real. A very special person. Leanne always called me auntie and when she did it was like a little bell of joy rang inside of me. I loved being her auntie. She always made me smile. And I loved those bouncy red curls that framed her beautiful face. She started out life a very blonde, blue-eyed little girl and then one day - like magic her hair became curly and turned a beautiful auburn as if to compliment her beautiful smile.

Leanne simply was a beautiful, sensitive, kind and warm woman. I was so proud of her when she sent me her photo receiving a business award.

We lived close to the Fussey's when Leanne was a little girl and so we were able to enjoy watching her grow during those first few years. My son Doug and Daughter Debbie although a few years older had the pleasure of getting to know her and her brother Tomas and I had the pleasure of watching them play together. These are the strong memories that will help sustain me as I mourn the loss of my wonderful niece Leanne.

Leanne was the jewel in our family. Leanne held us all together with her vibrant personality. She awed us with her grace and beauty.

I had the pleasure of watching her grow into a beautiful, graceful woman. I was so happy for her when she married her talented husband John. She raised a very warm and lovely daughter.

Marlene Prescott - June 18 at 06:46 PM



Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 11:36 AM

“ Leanne was my beautiful cousin, whom I loved so much, I wished she was my sister.

From my earliest memories we both lived in Abbotsford and Leanne was my delightful toddler cousin, always happy and giggling with joy. I am deeply grateful that our mothers told us “that’s your cousin” in such a reverential way, that we made it a bond to be honoured, and it was always so easy to love her.

In subsequent years, living in different parts of BC, we came together at Christmas and some summer holidays at Grandma and Grampa Wiens house. My brother Doug and I, Leanne and Tomas (Kinga) would run ‘round the basement of whatever house Grampa had recently built, playing games of chase and giggling our hearts out.

Leanne and I grew closer over family visits in our teens, and always wrote letters to each other, hers – immaculate with not one wobble or crossed out word. Mine – a hot mess. We laughed about it recently, where she admitted that if a mistake was made, she started her letter over. It’s no wonder she was so good at everything she turned her attention to.

Lucky for me, I was living in Toronto when Leanne and baby Lauren chose to settle there. We had 3 years of time where our friendship developed and I admired her wisdom and competence, especially as the best mother I have ever witnessed. Absolutely true, the BEST.

Once I moved away to BC, I was fortunate to be able to visit Toronto every few years, and staying with Leanne and Lauren was a highlight of every trip, then even more so when John and Leanne married and she became extraordinarily happy and at peace with her lovely life. My best ever trip to the Mantha home was when I booked a week’s course in Toronto and imposed on their hospitality for over a week. I was a witness and participant in their sweet morning routine, which felt like a safe harbour from the busy lives they lived.

Also precious to me, were Leanne, John and Lauren’s visits to Fraser and I in Vancouver. Two great memories: Leanne and I climbed the Grouse Grind (I was doing it fairly regularly at the time, and she still kicked my ass in speed and strength) while Fraser and young Lauren rode up on the tram and greeted us at the top. And the visit where John and Leanne had a day out on our little boat around Vancouver. I treasure these times.

My husband Fraser also adored Leanne and is deeply sorry for the loss.

Leanne was compassionate, funny, and happy. We cried, we laughed, and we danced goofily together. Always in my heart and my soul, rest in peace my darling Leanne.



Deborah Susan Cameron - June 18 at 05:42 PM

KI

Thank you, from the entire family.

kinga - June 20 at 11:36 AM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



sue skrip - June 18 at 05:31 PM

SO

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Susanna Oppedisano - June 18 at 04:40 PM

SO

“ Dear John, Lauren, Kinga and Eleanor,

I was shocked and heartbroken to hear about Leanne's passing. I remember a vibrant, smart, kind, happy woman.

John when she met you, she said to me "he's the one". Her wedding day was one of the happiest days of her life.

she loved her family, her home, her pets and she loved life.

She will forever be in my memories.

My sincere condolences to all of you for your tragic loss.

Susanna Oppedisano - June 18 at 04:33 PM

KI

Thank you so much. Her family.

kinga - June 18 at 05:46 PM

DZ

“ *Dearest Kinga & Eleanor,*

I am so heartbroken for you for the loss of your sweet Leanne. Thinking of you constantly and sending so much love.

Dawna

Dawna Zeeman - June 18 at 12:51 PM

KI

Awwwwwww. Thank you so much.

kinga - June 18 at 05:47 PM

NV

“ *Hello John,*

We knew each other from way back from OCA and further on. I'm not sure if you would remember me. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and sadness for you and your daughter's loss. We certainly lost track of each other through this phase of our lives but I was happy to see that you had made a happy and loving home with Leanne and your daughter.

Again, my deepest sympathies.

Regards,

Nick Vitacco

Nicholas Vitacco - June 18 at 12:31 PM

SP

“ *Leanne and I met at the dog park when our dogs were puppies. Rufus fell in love with Bella and Leanne accepted his inappropriate behaviour with good humour; I was impressed. Over the next eleven plus years we would meet regularly so the dogs could play and we could chat. We shared many stories, some funny, some difficult. Leanne was a good listener and would respond thoughtfully. No topic was off limits and she was a quick wit. After the park, we would circle through the ravine before heading home. John would almost always be with her, walking just a few steps ahead. She'd talk about her next project, some new music she discovered, a great book, a fun outing with Lauren, a get together she was planning or a delicious meal she was preparing. Leanne seemed to have boundless energy and positivity. She shone so bright, it is hard to imagine her gone. She will stay with me in that ravine.*

Sherry Pribik - June 18 at 12:06 PM



“ *Life gave me the best mother-in-law that I could ask and I thank God for that. Thank you for always being so loving to me and your love will always be in my heart.*

Leanne cooked the most delicious meals and we shared moments over food, it brought her joy to feed me and me loving all her yummy food.



José Rubén Galeana - June 18 at 10:33 AM

KI

Thank you for sharing your memories and photos. She enjoyed caring for your family, especially the babies.

kinga - June 18 at 12:28 PM



My heart is broken at the loss of Leanne, as well as the loss being suffered by John and Lauren and Eleanor and Kinga. She filled so many lives with so much love and caring. She was a wonderful friend to me and sister-in-law. So thoughtful of everybody else. She will be very greatly missed. Sue and Rod Skrip

Sue Skrip - June 18 at 03:19 PM

CD

“ *Leanne to me is the face of our BlackRock office in Toronto. She had always been that well-poised, straightforward, gracious, smart and trust worthy colleague. I am amazed with the fact how she kept herself together all the way through and never showed any signs of weakness even when she must had been very very sick.*

Leanne is very special, strong and full of life; just thinking of her make me feel her liveliness and strength. I am grateful for the moments we shared our personal stories and opportunities of working together. You were mentioned by a colleague to me (probably without you knowing) when I first joined the company trying to navigate, "ask Leanne, she will help you". and you did! I wish I knew you better but I am grateful for the light you shared with me. Reading everyone else's stories, I cannot help thinking that you must be an angel in disguise. Leanne, you will live in the hearts of your beloved families and friends forever!! I will miss you!

My deepest condolence to Leanne's family and close friends.

Clare Dai

Clare Dai - June 17 at 07:43 PM

KI

Thank you for the kind words, Clare. Leanne's brother.

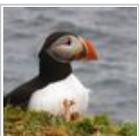
kinga - June 18 at 12:03 PM

LG

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Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:15 PM



“ *I met Leanne through my wife, Terrie. I liked Leanne a lot. She was kind, thoughtful and had a great sense of humour. She will be missed. My condolences to John and Lauren.*

Abe Gottesman - June 17 at 05:03 PM

KI

Thank you, Abe. Kinga

kinga - June 18 at 12:04 PM

WT

“ *To My Beautiful Friend Leanne*

My heart is broken to hear about your battle and your passing.

I will cherish our memories as kids and in our adult life, when in Cooper Creek riding bikes, playing, playing in the chicken coup, remembering those plywood guitars your dad made for us we painted them green and white. You, Wendy, Kinga and myself were going to be a 4 man band LOL. We would always find fun and silly things to do. Also visiting you in Nelson, Thanks Eleanor for letting us hang out.

Taking Lauren on a tube ride in Campbell Bay, she smiled from ear to ear. Then you, John, Lauren and Rebut came out and we spent the day at Campbell Bay (that picture of you and John was taken at the back of our boat on Kootenay Lake) I will Never Forget

I loved your beautiful smile along with a giggle and scrunched up nose, I will miss you my friend, I know we didn't talk often but we knew in our hearts we loved each other and would be friends forever RIP My Beautiful Friend I Love You My condolences to John, Lauren, family and everyone who loved Leanne Lots of Love Wanda xoxoxo

Wanda Turner - June 17 at 04:34 PM

KI

Thank you so much.

kinga - June 17 at 05:26 PM

GC

Leanne was the most gentle, thoughtful and kind person I worked with, we shared about the same story with our daughters. She always had a great smile and warmth hugs when I was visiting Toronto, my thoughts and love are with her daughter, husband and son in law, my condolences to all the family and friends, sending a few dance steps and smile in her memory

Ghislaine

Ghislaine Cyr - June 18 at 12:29 PM

KI

Thank you, Ghislaine, Kinga (Leanne's brother).

kinga - June 18 at 11:25 PM

WT

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Wanda Turner - June 17 at 04:22 PM

LG

Wow! Her high school photo is stunning, what a beautiful woman. She had the best hair.

Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:14 PM

LT

“ To Leanne’s family: I was lucky enough to work with Leanne on and off during my entire 12 year career at BlackRock. Despite never working in the same office, Leanne had a way of bridging the distance to be a friend and confidant in our work together. She often visited the San Francisco offices where I’m based and a mutual coworker friend would arrange trips to Soul Cycle – Leanne was always a “fun” visitor. I will miss her greatly as will her many friends and colleagues at BlackRock. Thinking of you and wishing you strength and comfort in memories of Leanne.

Linsey Thornton

Linsey Thornton - June 17 at 03:49 PM

DS

“ I was blessed to be able to call Leanne a true friend. I respected, admired and loved her. And I always will.

As a colleague, I admired her work ethic, her passion and her deep sense of integrity. Anything Leanne took on, she gave it 110%. And she brought those characteristics into all aspects of her life. She took immense pride in her work, in her family, in her home, in how she presented herself, on what she put on her table. Leanne valued her relationships with people and invested so much of herself in nurturing those relationships.

As a friend, talking to her was like being snuggled up in a blanket – she made you feel warm, comfortable and safe. Leanne’s capacity to care for the well-being of others was limitless. More often than not, she pushed her own worries or cares aside to reassure me when I needed it. She always had a keen sense when she knew that I was not quite myself, and all it took was a kind word, a smile, a hug or even a cheeky wink and all was right with the world. Leanne was my confidante, my shoulder to lean on and my greatest cheerleader.

I am a better person for having known Leanne; I’m a better mother, wife, daughter and friend. She is the woman I aspire to be.

May you rest in eternal peace my beautiful friend.

Divya Steinwall - June 17 at 03:24 PM

KM

“ Leanne and I had the responsibility of being married to “The Brothers Mantha”. We planned and alternated holidays, birthdays and family gatherings of all sorts. Setting the menu was always paramount to Leanne and she did it best. We always learned from each other and to my knowledge, never let the guests down. Our best times were in the kitchen and around the table with our family. These family gatherings will continue Leanne and you will always be present with us. I’m sure I will miss you in ways I can’t even imagine yet. Rest In Peace my friend.
Love Kathie

Kathie Mantha - June 17 at 02:58 PM

JM

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John Mantha - June 17 at 02:30 PM

LG

Awe... the photo of her and Charlotte, warms my heart.

Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:12 PM

RK

“ *Dear John and Lauren and family – Leanne was a shining star and such a bright light with an infectious personality of warmth and kindness. I had the pleasure of knowing her as a colleague at Russell Investments when she worked with us in the late 90s. As a mother, we shared numerous stories. She was always willing to listen and offer advice. Our friendship continued after she left to join Blackrock. Each year, former and current Russell Colleagues would get together to see each other before Christmas. It was always a highlight as we would all connect and share great laughs and great company and regale each other of what has been happening in our lives personally and professionally. Lauren, I have seen you grow up through your mothers stories during our annual catchup. I am thinking of all of you and wishing you hope in the midst of great sorrow and comfort in the midst of pain. Leanne’s loss is felt by many of us. Her wonderful personality and many contributions are celebrated as an inspiration to all of us. Dear Leanne, may your beautiful soul rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to all of you.*

Renata Klemensowicz - June 17 at 12:25 PM

AN

“ *I had the pleasure of working alongside Leanne at BlackRock for 3 years. She truly did have the strongest work ethic and dedication to her role and offered endless support to those around her. I remember the many laughs and projects we shared, and she was truly monumental in that period of my life. My warmest condolences to family at this time.*

Amanda N. - June 17 at 12:24 PM

MK

“ I am short of words to explain what Leanne was to me. To the world, she was my manager at work, someone who hired me, believed in me and my calibre. But the truth is she was like a mom to me. I was so comfortable sharing anything and everything with her knowing that she would listen patiently and come up with a best solution always. She believed in me and stood by my side all these years at every step. I was really impressed by her work ethics and used to tell her that success to me would be to become like you, loved, valued and respected by everyone. This loss is irreparable, she will always have a special place in my life.

Thank you for always believing in me Leanne, I will make sure to never let you down.

I pray that God enfolds the family during this difficult time and helps them heal with the passage of time. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Manpreet Kaur - June 17 at 12:06 PM

EK

“ There are no words to describe how heartbroken we are at the loss of Leanne. She was an amazing human being and a domestic goddess who taught us many things. We will always cherish the dinner parties, the conversations, the wit, the hospitality, the generosity and the wisdom she imparted. It is inconceivable to think of a world without her. The hole left behind will never be filled. I miss her more with each passing day. We are sending our love, our thoughts and our condolences to John and family.

Edyth, Peter, Ben & Cassie



Edyth Karwecki - June 17 at 11:41 AM

TM

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Terrie Miller - June 17 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ Am having trouble believing that Leanne, a light in many lives, has gone out. Perhaps one of the most telling things about her is that through our text, phone and visiting correspondence during her illness, she said almost nothing about how very sick she was. Probably the most practical person I’ve ever known, down-to-earth and compassionate, extremely conscientious – I have so many wonderful memories of her. Leanne had a great capacity for fun and love. Will never forget her beautiful Christmas parties, summer visits to Cobourg, trips to Ottawa and dinners full of FABULOUS food in her and John’s welcoming home. But most of all, I have so much respect for her intense focus on always doing the right thing and not getting distracted by emotion. Not long ago, I mentioned to her how impressed I was that she had achieved so much with her career despite being a single Mom and her response seemed to me to be her essence. She said she feels it’s important for people to know that by being organized and strict with your limits, you can do these things with minimal stress. “It wasn’t that hard”, she said. Maybe not to her! I loved her dearly.

Terrie Miller - June 17 at 11:34 AM

SZ

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Leanne passing. She was such a great inspiration to me, she had the highest work ethics I have seen, always helping people to do better and bring the best in them, she was always ready to help. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Sebastian Z. - June 17 at 10:16 AM

MM

“ Leanne was a beautiful gentle soul always upbeat and so caring to those around her. Her warmth and passion for life was beyond compare. My sister in law was a gift to those you knew her as she brightened every room. I will miss her dearly and the times spent with family. You could not find greater soul mates than Leanne and my brother John. Fly high Leanne. I know you will guide and keep us. Love always.

Mark Mantha - June 17 at 09:21 AM

BG

“ A tiny cherub with rosy cheeks, a tussle of golden hair and eyes all a glow stands in front of my Mother and Father's Christmas tree, little hands working but she know not to touch, "Goody, Goody she says". From that day on she was my "Goody". She was the flower girl at my wedding, stealing the moment with her four-year-old cuteness.

I now cherish every moment I had with her whether during a visit, a phone call or an email, with "Hi Aunty how are you?" and always ending with "Love and Hugs, Leanne".

The distance between East and West seems so far now that she is gone.

I will miss her forever.

Barbara Gazso

Barbara Gazso - June 16 at 07:24 PM

KI

Thank you, thank you. Yes, Goody. Or.. perhaps, Scoy also????

kinga - June 17 at 05:22 PM

LG

What a beautiful story, thank you for sharing. I love that nickname, Goody.

Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:11 PM

MP

Barb, I loved seeing you at Lauren and Ruben's wedding. I feel so lucky - like you - to be the Auntie to beautiful Leanne. I am thankful for that memory.

Marlene Prescott - June 18 at 07:11 PM

CL

“ My Aunt Leanne was such a beautiful person in every way. From being the flower girl in her wedding to sharing recipes over wine, she was a constant light in my life and to everyone around her.



Claire - June 16 at 07:08 PM

KI

She really liked you Claire. Those words were said behind you back. :)

kinga - June 17 at 05:23 PM

KI

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kinga - June 16 at 05:59 PM

MP

Oh my! So precious! Love Auntie M.

Marlene Prescott - June 18 at 06:55 PM

KI

“ *Leanne was my sister. My big sister. My protector.*

We got along amazingly well, never fighting. As children we played games together for hours. As I write this, I can still see us sitting in our grandparents back yard, in the cool shade of a big tree, shucking peas. Laughing. I believe a pea was shoved up someones nostril, leading to more wails of laughter.

What both of us took from our formative years was a dedication to family and the love of food. Leanne loved to cook. Family recipes meant so much to her. Just yesterday, in her honour, I baked chocolate chip cookies. Her recipe. Leanne would be pleased with that because she felt strongly about carrying on tradition. Never to be forgotten... her breathtaking Christmas parties. Each holiday abundant with foods passed from generation to generation.

Honestly, I was awed by Leanne, and still am!

Our loving mom, Elle, did her best to give us all she could, but an education beyond high school was just not in the cards. Despite that, Leanne bravely took on jobs way beyond her skillset. And succeeded. Then flourished. I, being the artsy brother, watched in disbelief, never jealous, just proud as she rose to the heights of success.

My final days with Leanne were spent playing Scrabble online. She loved words and was fiercely competitive. Of course, we were born of the same cloth, so I never gave an inch, playing each round to win. But in the end, after the games had slowly petered away, I held her hand and promised to take care of her only daughter, Lauren, and promised that I would never let her husband, John, be excluded. Leanne listened intently, knowing full well that my promises were not just empty words. She can rest in peace knowing that I will never let her down. Just as she never let me down.

Kinga

kinga - June 16 at 05:46 PM

LG

Awe... such a beautiful tribute. No, you will never let her down and you and I are inseparable now.

Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:07 PM

EF

“ *When Leanne was in grade one her teacher took me aside and told me how surprised she was at just how unique Leanne was from the other students. She then handed me a drawing that Leanne had created. I stared at the picture. There, on a broomstick sat a witch, flying above what appeared to be speckles of sand. It was then that I was informed that the task given to the students was to draw a sandwich. I knew then that my daughter was special and on a very special path.*

With all my broken heart, her mom, Eleanor.

Eleanor Fussey - June 16 at 05:26 PM

LG

I love this story! She told me this once and laughed so hard. She took the assignment and did the literal drawing of a sandwich... a witch of sand hahahaha!

Lauren Galeana - June 17 at 06:05 PM

MP

Wow! What a lovely story. It makes me grin. Leanne had so much grace. And she always had a way of making everyone grin. I can barely imagine the world with out her. She was part angel and part human of that I am sure.

Marlene Prescott - June 18 at 07:20 PM

LG

“ *My mother is truly the most amazing mother ever. I know in my heart that even though she is not with me physically, she is always with me. She is part of me. It gives me such comfort to know she lives on through me. Her love and generosity to all the people in her life she touched were profound. There aren't enough words to describe her and the love and admiration I have for her.*

The endless memories I have with her will live forever in my heart. She always threw me the best birthday parties she could manage, welcoming all my friends with open arms and loving them like her own. Our annual holiday party was a way to bring people together, to spread joy and love. I went to her for anything and everything that upset me, scared me, excited me, or even could anger her, but I knew we could always talk it through.

I know I will deeply miss her, but I know she would want me to live life with strength and keep moving forward. She is with me in every step of my life and her words, teachings, and love will ring strong in my heart, helping me live the life I know she would want for me.

I love her always and forever. Love isn't even a strong enough word for what I feel for her.

Lauren Galeana - June 16 at 04:19 PM

KI

Beautiful. Leanne would have climbed Mount Everest for you. That is how much she cared.

kinga - June 16 at 05:48 PM

MP

Lauren, this is absolutely beautifully written ❤️ She will be forever with you in spirit keeping you safe and gently guiding you along on your many adventures you have ahead of you. Life works in mysterious ways but I believe it only throws the hardest challenges to the strongest ones ❤️

Megan Prout - June 17 at 09:48 AM

MP

Lauren, it is obvious that you have inherited her beauty and grace. She adored you and she is not going to be very far away. When you talk to her she will answer.

Marlene Prescott - June 18 at 07:26 PM