



**REMEMBERING**  
**Gisele Claudette Côté**  
March 8, 1956 - March 10, 2015



**Tribute from Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff**

Bakerview Community Crematorium & Celebration Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

**Tribute from Shelley Hammond**

Relation: work buddy / friend

I am so shocked to hear of the passing of Gisele. I had the privilege of meeting her in 1981 and spent many times getting into antics along with a couple of other single girls. She was an inspiration being on the 1st group of female correctional officers. She & them opened & lead the way so that me could come along in the 1st coed training group. She shared her knowledge; humour; love of life; animals; culture; motorcycles..& it was always fun to run into her or get to work with her many times. Thank you Gisele for coming into my life. You made it a nicer place to be & gave me wonderful memories of you. dam we were the same age/ too young to go! RIP my friend! Much sympathy to her family.

**Tribute from surge**

Relation: First Female Core Training

I met Gisele when she came from Kamloops and she was one of the 10 women who were on the first group of women. Gisele & I spent a lot of time together, at the YM/YWCA. Gisele also moved in with me and my room mate at that time in our house. She made me laugh on many trips to Kamloops to see her family. She was a fun loving person, and we had a good time. She will be missed.

**Tribute from Arlene Thygesen**

Relation: Friend and co-worker

To Gisele's family: While my heart aches, I am grateful to have known Gisele and I know you have many fabulous memories of her and her sense of humor to comfort you during your time of grief. I will never forget this wonderful lady and am so happy for the time we spent together. She is now wrapped in the arms of her loved ones who went before. My heartfelt sympathies to you all.

**Tribute from Edie and Dennis Mockford**

Relation: Jane's sister

We are sadden to hear about Gisele. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our

thoughts are with the family during this difficult time. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

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**Tribute from Sharie Assels**

Relation: friend

I would just like to say Gisele was truly one of a kind. I never saw her mad or upset, always in a good mood. She always made me laugh, such a character. She had a presence about her that people were just drawn to. Gisele you truly will be sadly missed. Rest in peace. Its been an honour to call you my friend.

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**Tribute from Randie Scott**

Relation: Colleague & friend

Gisele was one of the first women to enter the ranks of Correctional Officers and I had the privilege and pleasure of working with her for a great many years. I found her to be a real natural in a correctional environment which is by its very nature is often times unpredictable and laden with anxiety. Gisele brought a great many qualities to the job- respect, fairness, compassion, steadiness, gumption, reliability, commitment and an wonderful sense of humor. I especially appreciated her sensitivity and wisdom with respect to aboriginal matters- many incarcerated first nations and Metis offenders benefited first hand from Gisele's excellent correctional work. She gained the respect of all she came in contact with- offenders and staff alike.

My last opportunity to spend time with Gisele was when we sat together during a CSC Retired Officers Association luncheon less than three weeks ago and we slapped our knees in great laughter throughout our meal as we reminisced over our past hijinks. Only a few days ago she made plans to meet again this coming Wednesday for lunch. I teased her that I would have a birthday cupcake loaded with many dozens of candles to help celebrate her March 8th birthday and that lighting them might trigger the sprinkler system.

Gisele was as large as life and lived it to the fullest. As I write this I am listening to a few Elvis tunes which she loved so much. All of us who knew this amazing woman are better people for her life path having crossed ours. We have suffered a big loss and even 'Blackie' the Stratocaster is sad.

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**Tribute from Don and Debbie Taylor**

Relation: Friend

We are shocked and so sad to hear of Gisele's passing. Even though we didn't see her in person much anymore we loved seeing a glimpse into her life on Facebook. We fondly remember many fun filled summer days at Mission Flats with good friends. Our condolences.

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**Tribute from Bill Kynar**

Relation: friend/co-worker

I wish to express my sympathy upon the loss of Gisele. As co workers, I will never forget her friendliness and kindness that was extended to me. No one who knew her will ever forget her charm and warmth.

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**Tribute from Diane Umezuki**

Relation: Work

I was so sad to hear the news. I will always remember her and her funny stories she told me when I first started at Matsqui. It was always a pleasure working with her and I am thankful for the fun times we had while on shift. More recently I was able to reconnect with her via facebook and we would often talk. She was always supportive. My dear friend and co-worker will be missed greatly, but she will certainly live on in my memories and heart. RIP Gisele.

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**Tribute from Donna Dee**

Relation: Bowden Institution

I am so saddened to hear Gisele has suddenly passed. She always had a smile and a kind word. She was a pioneer and a special woman. Gisele was always willing to help others and it was an honor to know her. She had a twinkle in her eye and a wonderful sense of humor, she was a wise soul. Be at peace Gisele and know you touched many lives.

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**Tribute from Gail McCoy**

Relation: worked with her @Bowden

I worked with at Bowden Inst. and she was always friendly and very helpful by giving me pointers as a new recruit. She will be missed. Thoughts and prayrts are with you and your family.

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**Tribute from Jean Lawley**

Relation: Co-Worker/Friend

I am so Very Sorry to hear this Sad Sad News. Gisele, I so enjoyed your talks and conversations while having the opportunity of working with you. You were such a Good Hearted Woman. I Send my Sympathies to your Family and Dear Friends. I was so Glad to Read about your Last Posts of your Lunch and Laughter with Friends. RIP ....

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**Tribute from bonni-jean buckshaw**

Relation: school friend for many years

wow i so shocked. sorry to hear of my friend Gisele cote sudden passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this unfortunate time. she will be sadly missed

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**Tribute from Linda Pitts**

Relation: Through Canada Post

RIP my friend!

Gisele and I both had feisty personalities and when you got the two of us worked up watch out. Gisele was truly a genuine loving person who would have moved mountains if she could. Gisele was devastated when she learned I was diagnosed with cancer and offer to help where she could. Love yo

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**Tribute from Norma Murray**

Relation: co-worker

I knew Gisele from work at the Maple Ridge Post Office, I didn't know her well, but I had a few interesting and funny conversations with her. She was always seemed to be laughing and looking on the bright side of life. RIP Gisele

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**Tribute from Andr   Young**

Relation: 1st cousin from London, Ontario

My sincerest condolences Jean on the loss of your sister Gis  le. The last time that we were together was in the summer of 1968 when we went to visit you and your family in Kamloops. My family always had fond memories when we visited the C  t   family in Kamloops, the first time in 1960 when Gis  le was 4. I was happy to have had the opportunity to re-connect with Gis  le after so many years via Facebook. The last post was when I wished her a Happy Birthday (Bonne F  te) and asked if it was #39 and her response was Merci and Oui. Please know Jean that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.

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**Tribute from janice galloway**

Relation: friend

hey girl you were one of a kind.been thinking of all the crazy stuff we used to do,way to many to say,you are going to be missed.when its my turn you best be there for me wiyh a cold one,but not a ride on you motorcycle.lol.peace out sister.bff forever janice

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**Tribute from Carole & Raynald Aubin**

Relation: cousin

Our deepest sympathies to you Jean and your immediate family.

I found Gis  le through Facebook and have been corresponding with her ever since, giving her news of my Mom Lucille Cayer-Young , your

Mom 's , Carmel, sister .

Also, our condolences to Gis  le's dear friend and friends. She was a sweetheart.

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