



Joan MacKinnon

April 4, 1966 – February 7, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan MacKinnon on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the Kelowna General Hospital following a tragic highway accident on February 3 that also took the life of her husband, Clayton Murrell.

Joan was the Aquatic Coordinator at the Cranbrook Aquatic Centre and a strong supporter of the Lifesaving Society as a training resource in the Kootenays. She is best known for her dedication to training competent leaders both in the classroom and through personal mentorship.

Joan began her aquatics career in the early 90's in Terrace, BC where she was loved and respected by all who worked alongside her. Upon moving to Cranbrook, Joan took on a leadership role at the Cranbrook Aquatic Centre when it opened in January 2000.

Demonstrating excellence in her profession, Joan received the Lifesaving Society's Outstanding Achievement Award as a Lifesaving Society Instructor in 2010. This is the highest honour for an Instructor within the Branch.

Along with her husband, a Captain with the Cranbrook Fire Department, Joan loved the outdoors and was passionate about horses and participating in rodeo events. They were both very community-minded volunteers and will be missed by the local community. Even in her passing, Joan is helping others through organ donation.

Our deepest condolences go out to Joan's family, friends, co-workers and colleagues at this tragic loss. A joint celebration of life will take place at 2:30pm on February 17, 2018 at the Western Financial Place in Cranbrook, BC.



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