



Joye Lee Knowlton

December 11, 1954 - August 28, 2007

LEWISTON-Joye Lee (Ricker) Knowlton, 52, wife of Daniel E. (Nick) Knowlton of Lewiston. Passed away at home on August 28, 2007. Father GOD opened the gate to heaven far too soon but with the support of prayers and love from family and friends, Joye lived 2 years and 5 days beyond expectation to her fullest until her very last day. Born in Lewiston, December 11, 1954, daughter of Wendell C. and Arlene Ricker. She graduated from Lewiston High School which followed the beginning to an outstanding bookkeeping career. She married Daniel E. (Nick) Knowlton on October 22, 1977 and together had two children, Krista Lynn Bean and Nicholas Jon Knowlton. Joye was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to all who ever had the pleasure of knowing her. She was a hard working and dedicated manager at Per-se Technology/McKesson for the past thirteen years. She loved home and family, including her five beautiful grandchildren, Madison Joye, Zakary Scott and Ava Diane Bean; Evan Jon and Natalee Jane Knowlton all of the Lewiston and Auburn area. She adored her very special cats Puffy and especially her blue cream Persian, Angel Lee, given to her by the girls in bookkeeping at McKesson. Among her likes and passions she loved her home gardens with the beauty and sound of their backyard waterfall and fountain ponds. She and her husband, Dan, spent many days evenings just enjoying the pleasures of their back yard. She loved going on shopping trips with her sister, Debbie, her sister-in law, Elaine, and one of her best friends, Gini, always mostly to come home with bags and bags of sale clothing for her five grandchildren. She always enjoyed Saturday evening dinner with her mother, Arlene. Sunday walks by the ocean were always special followed by a trip to the Clambake Restaurant for some "steammahs" and an awesome margarita. Her glowing beauty from within and without was touched by so many in her life. Her gentle and kind ways, her soft beautiful smile and that certain gleam for the love and fun that life is all about. She gave so much without expectations and father God gave her the best that life could be through family and friends and she is now eternally grateful. Through the course of her final 2 year journey an extraordinary guardian angel on earth has been so instrumental in teaching her family the true meaning of Chiropractic Whole Health and Wellness. Thank you Doctor John D. Reeder, D.C. P.A. for your exceptional care. She is survived by her mother Arlene Ricker, a sister Deborah Blanchette and husband

Ronald; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her grandparents; her father Wendell C. Ricker; her twin sister Jan Lynn Minichello; her wonderful nephew, Mark Blanchette. KNOWLTON died in Lewiston, August 28, 2007, Joye Lee (Ricker) Knowlton age 52 years a resident of Lewiston. A Celebration of Life service honoring Joye will be held SUNDAY 1:00PM with Michael Poulin presiding with scripture and prayer at the Pinette & Lynch Funeral Home. A Memorial gathering will begin 12:00 Noon at the funeral home until the time of the services A Musical Tribute with Remembrances and Fellowship will follow funeral home services SUNDAY 2:00PM at the Ramada Inn, Pleasant St., Lewiston.. Memorial donations may be made to the Joye of Life Foundation PO Box 77 Lewiston, ME 04240 . Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com Arrangements by the family owned PINETTE & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023.

Comments



“ Dear Nick,I am so sorry for your loss. Joye was an amazing lady with such courage.I've been meaning to get in touch with you recently. In fact, I've thought about Joye and you often this month, and pathetically, never followed through on the thought to give you a call or even send an e-mail.And I am so very sorry that I failed to follow my impulse when I had the chance.What I wanted to say is - THANK YOU.You don't know this yet, but the last time we spoke you helped me literally save my life. It was at Norm's election night party in February, and you took several hours out of your night to tell me all about what you and Joye were doing to fight her cancer THE RIGHT WAY.I took that to heart, and have changed my life. I wrote about Joye's journey fighting cancer, and the impact her story had on my life here:
<http://joysamazingjourney.blogspot.com/2007/08/its-sad-day.html>I hope that you can read this when you are able. I am grateful for you both.With love and my deepest sympathy to you and your family at the passing of such an amazing lady as Joye,Joyce Bilodeau

Joyce Bilodeau - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick I,m so sorry to hear about your loss,all my sympathy.

Bud Currie - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick and family,The world has lost a truly beautiful lady. So very sorry for your loss. I can only hope that the love of family and friends will comfort you at this difficult time. I will always remember Joye with a lovely smile on her face.Sincerely . . . Pam

Pam Snyder - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick and family,I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Joye well, but was acquainted with both of you when I worked at Marden's through the 90's.I will pray for you and your family in this time of need.Joye is an angel now, watching down above you all. Robin Sabatino

Robin - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ I don't have the words to describe how sad I am. God's blessings to you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Nick, I'm sorry I won't be at the services, but I will be with you in spirit. Please call on my if I can do anything.

Susan Roth - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick & family; No words can tell you what Chris and I are feeling now. We know the love and devotion each of you had for each other. Joye was taken away so early in her young life of which no one will ever understand why. You and Joye have always been there for us and if there is anything we can do in this time of sorrow we will be here for you and family. God bless you & family.

Guy & Chris Desjardins - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick and family, We are so sorry that you have lost Joye to the cancer that you both fought so hard. She truly lived up to her name--she was a joy to all who knew her. We will love her and think of her always as a dear friend. We share your sadness. All our love, Bruce and Jeanie

Jean Biette - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Debbie, Sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. You have my deepest sympathy.

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“ Dear Nick, My deepest sorrow and sympathy for your loss of Joye. My heart hurts deeply for you. I am so sorry to hear of Joye's passing. She was loved and appreciated by many. God bless you Your friend, Linda Bosworth Belanger

Linda Bosworth Belanger - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Hello Nick, Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.

David & Kelly Clavette - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick and Family. I was so sad to learn that the battle of cancer was lost. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time.

Diane & Steve McManus - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick & Family,I am So Sorry to hear about Joye.You are all in my Prays and Thoughts.Thinking of You, Lynn

Lynn Mccarthy - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ I know heaven has another angel and the best part is, is that she is no longer suffering. It is so hard to be away from family and friends at a time like this so we would like you to know that you are in ours prayers and may Gods peace comfort all of you during this time of grief.We love you.

Gary & Debbe Long - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick,I am saddened by the news of Joye's passing and hold you and your family in my hearts. I do believe that Joye and Becky will be looking down on all of us. They loved their time together and were great friends. They were both too young to leave us.You are in my thoughts and prayers,Diane

Diane Dunton - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Knick:I was very sad to learn that your great wife had passed away after a long courageous battle. My prayers are with you and your family.

Gerard Dennison - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Joye was a pleasure to work with while I was at Per-Se. She could always make me laugh and I admired her passion for what she did and the love she had for her staff. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you. Warmly, Tracey

Tracey Woodman - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick we are so sorry that you lost the love of your life. May God Bless you and the children. May Joye's memory be with the Family and friends forever.God Bless

Real and Joanne Arnoldy - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Jojol miss you. I love you. Give Jannnyfanny a great big kick in the ass. Make that three, one for you, Mom, and me. Kiss Mark and tell him Mom & Dad love and miss him everyday. I can't go to Frozen Custard anymore. It's not the same. Who else could convince me that that is normal to have a FC cone twice in one day. Love always,Debbie (Ron too)

Deborah . Blanchette - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick, We were so saddened to hear of Joye's passing. It's been a very long time since we've been in touch, but we remember the good old days with you & Joye so well. We shared a lot of laughs and good times back in the early 70's with you two. You were so happily in love back then, and from the tributes we've read here, your love for one another grew even stronger through the years. This is a great loss for you, Nick, but we hope you will stay strong and find peace in loving memories of your beautiful Joye. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Barbara & Carl

Barbara & Carl Strube - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ JOYE....oh how her name fit her....she was a joy....her smile and laughter brought us all happiness each time we saw her....she had sooo much love in her heart for her family and friends...i know she is in the arms of God and is with her father, sister, and nephew...knowing this brings comfort but i shed tears daily....until we meet again joye in everlasting life i will miss you.....my deepest sympathy to all her family for the lost of their wife, mother,grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt...may you find peace in your hearts....i love you Joye...

cindy-leblanc-fongemie - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ My sympathy goes out to Nick and his family at this time of great loss.

Barry Wright - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick & Family,You are in our thoughts and prayers. The memories and the love will keep her with you forever. Nick, your strength and dedication gave her the strength to have those two precious years. We are so sorry. With our deepest sympathy,Dave & Diane

David & Diane Iannotti - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Krista - I was very sorry to read of the passing of your Mom. You have my deepest sympathies and you and your entire family are in my prayers. Joye was a very special woman. Just being around her one could tell she loved you and your family very much. Remember her with smiles and happy thoughts and as your children grow you will learn just how much she loved you!! Don't forget to teach your children about her and keep her alive in their memories. Even though she may not be here on Earth, she will be the whisper in the wind, the ray of sunshine on your face and the guardian angel in heaven looking over all of you. God Bless.

CHRISTINE CORRIVEAU - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick and family, David and I are so very sorry for your loss. Joye was a beautiful, wonderful person and I certainly enjoyed getting to know her when I sang at Sparetime Rec. We had some good laughs and she was a pleasure to know. You are all in our prayers and thoughts. David and Sharon Martel

David and Sharon Martel - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick and family, My condolences to you and the family. I worked with Joye for three years and she was always so "Joy" ful. Thru the years we have crossed paths and she was always so full of life. She will be missed. My prayers are with you all.

Joy Felker Beaupre - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick, so sorry to hear about your wife's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Scott and Penny Labbe - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ It is with great sorrow that we learned of Joys passing. We wish Arlene, Nick, Krista, Nicholas and Debbie our deepest sympathys.

Gary & Michelle Coyne - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Arlene,Nick,Krista,Nicholas and family,what a loss for your family. I have a hole in my heart for you. I met Joye as a neighbor,when she and Nick were married. There was never a dull moment. I remember one weekend when her doctor wanted her to do a weekend urine catch. Well, that wasn't going to stop her from going to see Nick at the Ramada on Saturday night. We found an old (huge) pickle jar and brought it with us to the Ramanda....just imagine the stares we got!! All Joye could do was laugh, we did a lot of that. You stop and wonder where time has gone and why your lose touch...it seems like it was just the other day. Life is like that. Joye hadthatinfectious smile that will live on forever in your hearts. My heart is with all of you at this time. My prayers and warm hugs are with you.Linda

Linda Giroux - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ To Dan, Nick, Krista, Brie and Rick ~ Only time moves on to the next scene, Memories remain a part of the heart forever. From above, Joye is looking down smiling at all of the love she is surrounded by. How blessed you are to have been in her life. Every day is truly a gift. Our hearts are with you.

Dena Wing - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Dear Nick,We are very sad to hear of Joye's passing.Nick, your love, devotion and determination gave Joye the strength to have two more years to enjoy life.Joye will always be with you and your family and will be truly missed by all that were fortunate to have known her.With our deepest sympathy,Pat & Sally

Pat & Sally Costa - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick,I am so sorry to hear the news of Joye's passing. You two fought this battle so valiantly, and Joye was one of the most courageous women I have known. You two were soulmates, and you were so very blessed to have had her in your life. Now, she lives on in your heart, and in your memories forever. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow.With love,Dot

Dot Picard and Family - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Joye was my manager for quite a while at Per-se. She was very nice to work for. We had a lot of fun in the bookkeeping department. I also considered her a friend. I will miss her bright smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Pauline Labonte - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick & family, May God Bless you all!Joye and I we're friends when we we're teenagers, and use to have so much fun. I'll always remember those "good old days" forever in my heart!

Linda - August 29, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Nick and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Remember that your Mom will always be with you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kathi

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