

Remembering Cheryl (Sherri) M. Swidrovich  
(Apr. 5, 1960 – Nov. 20, 2022)

Sherri was a member of the Yellow Quill First Nation, her mother a residential school survivor and Sherri growing up in foster care during the sixties scoop. Living on her own, Sherri put herself through the final year of high school at Evan Hardy Collegiate. On Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1981, Sherri and Brian married with their first child (Shaina) arriving in 1982, Jaris in 1986 and while pregnant with Jenna (1994), Sherri completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the U of S. She found her calling teaching Indigenous Studies which led her to achieve a Master of Arts degree. Upon delivering many courses, some of which she self-created, thousands of students enjoyed her pleasant, intelligent, and captivating lectures, with literally hundreds taking the time to personally express how their class time with Sherri changed their lives, gave them direction or inspired them to do ... and be, more. Sherri's infectious laugh, sparkling personality and compassionate nature resulted in deep connections with friends and colleagues. Aside from countless hours volunteering for numerous organizations or causes, Sherri was selected as one of only 10 Canadians to sit on the National Sixties Scoop Foundation Board of Directors. She contributed a section within the publication 'Inspired Living' (10 stories of transformation and triumph) with her own book being not quite complete before being diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in the summer of 2021. Sherri fought for every moment with her precious family, peacefully passing away on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ... the exact date of their wedding anniversary. Sherri is survived by husband Brian, daughter Shaina (Brock) and their children Cameron, Beau, Avery, Raeya and Bentlee, along with son Jaris and daughter Jenna. Sherri was incredibly proud of her three children, all U of S graduates; Shaina, a City of Saskatoon Police Officer and small business owner; Jaris, Doctor of Pharmacy at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy (University of Toronto) ... and Jenna, an Emergency Ward Registered Nurse at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. Sherri leaves siblings Millie, Harold, Carmen (Kent), Butch, Crystal (RJ), Perry, Penny and Carla (Barry); predeceased by her eldest sister Violet.

The Swidrovich family will gather outside the Thorvaldson Building on Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm for a few quiet words and a moment of silence while the flag is flown at half-mast to Honour and recognize Sherri's contributions to the University of Saskatchewan, to our community, as well as for her efforts within the Indigenous realm on a national scale. The family wishes to give thanks to the U of S for the flag-lowering dedication. Today We Remember Sherri Swidrovich.

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