

*A Celebration of Life*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Rachelle Beaudry**

MARCH 15, 1950 - MAY 11, 2020

**K & M Funeral Home**

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# EULOGY

Good morning. Before I begin, I want to take the opportunity, on behalf of our entire family, to thank all of you for being here today—in person, in this beautiful, old church that our mom loved so much, or virtually—to help us celebrate our mom's life. We'd like to thank everyone who travelled from out of state to be here today, including those on our dad's side of the family who traveled from as far away as California. Let that sink in for a second—there are people here today who flew from warm, sunny California. To Chicago. In February. To attend the funeral of an in-law, essentially. Now, I know they came in part to support our dad in his time of grief, but I think it really speaks to the impact our mom had on people.

And that's been evident as well in the flood of messages we've received since Mom passed, which have come not just from close friends and family, as you'd expect, but from those who worked with her briefly decades ago, those who met her only recently—including members of the Breakers community in Edgewater, where our parents have lived the past couple of years—from friends (and friends of friends) of my sisters and mine who may have met her only once at one of our weddings years ago. So many have reached out with a kind note, a memory, a heartfelt message about how our mom affected them. As everyone here can attest, to meet Mom was to know instantly what a beautiful person she was, inside and out; a kind, caring soul; sharp, funny, and fun to be around; someone who brightened the lives of all those around her.

I heard it said recently that grief is simply unexpressed love. The moral, I think, is that grief isn't something we should avoid or try to overcome, but something we should embrace. If grief really is just a reflection of the love we feel for the person we lost, then we should hope to always feel some measure of grief for our departed loved ones. I like that sentiment; I think there's some wisdom there, and perhaps some solace for those of us who are grieving our mom's loss so deeply still.

Picking Morel mushrooms, canoeing, her amazing cooking inspired by traveling including braunschweiger dip, kawswe, elderberry Kiekle, Burmese curry, homemade sauerkraut, and her conch ceviche

My mother was the most incredible woman I have ever known. She always supported me in everything that I did, and she was my biggest cheerleader. I know that she is up there looking down on me now, watching over me and guiding me as I navigate through life without her by my side.

Although my mother is no longer with us in this life, I know that she lives on in the memories that I have of her, and the love and support that she gave me throughout my life. She was strong, kind, and warmhearted, and I will always treasure the time we spent together.

I know that it is difficult to lose someone so important to you, but my mother's memory will live on forever in my heart. In her honor, I plan to spend the rest of my days living a life full of kindness and compassion, just as she did. She will never be forgotten.

I am so grateful to have had such an amazing mom, and I know that I will never be able to forget all of the wonderful things she taught me throughout my life. We will cherish all of the amazing memories we have of her until we meet again someday.

Thank you all for joining me, please tell your parents how much they mean to you and please do kindness, wherever you can.



# *Order of Funeral Service*

*Musical Prelude*

*Introduction / Words of Welcome*

*Prayers*

*The Rachelle Beaudry Family*

*Musical Selections/Hymns*

*Aaron Loeb*

*Formal Reading of Obituary*

*By Daniel Gallego*

*Eulogy/Life Tribute*

*Drew Feig*

*Brief Informal Tributes*

*By Eleanor Fitzgerald*

*Thank you and Acknowledgements*

*Rachelle Beaudry Family*







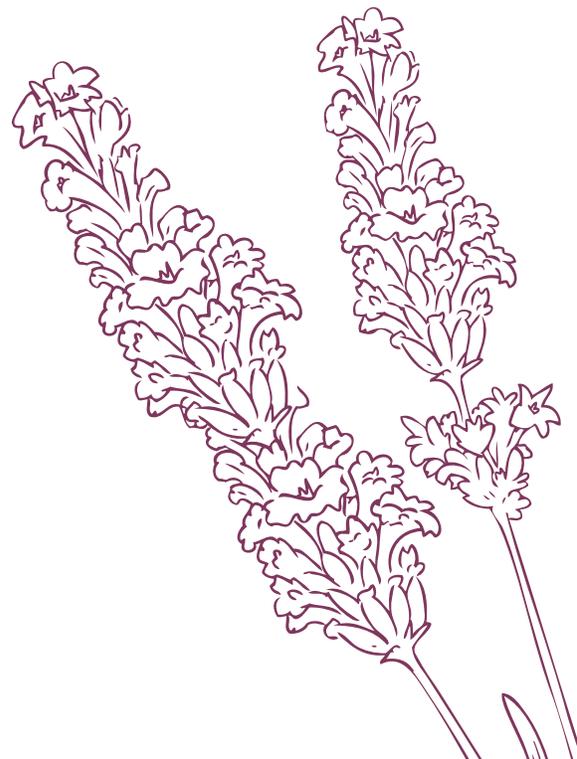
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## Acknowledgement

Your expression of sympathy was greatly appreciated during this very difficult time. Your presence and support will always be remembered.

from the family of  
*Rachelle Beaudry*



# Poem

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A letter is a message written for a variety of purposes, from friendly to formal. They can help maintain bonds between friends, especially if they're far apart. heading