

## In memoriam – Jan Elizabeth Leonard

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Dalhousie's School of Physiotherapy extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Jan Elizabeth Leonard who passed away recently at the age of 53.

Jan was a long-time lab instructor with the School, described by her colleagues as a "talented clinician, excellent lab instructor and intuitive teacher." A practitioner of exceptional skill with the highest professional and ethical standards, Dalhousie's physiotherapy students benefited greatly from her mentorship. Jan was also an avid supporter of the recently opened Dalhousie Physiotherapy Clinic.

Jan's accomplishments and influence in the physiotherapy profession went beyond Dalhousie's walls. A lifelong learner, Jan became a resident of the Canadian Academy of Physical Therapists in 1995 and then a Fellow in 1996. Much of Jan's career took place in private practice clinics in Vancouver and Halifax. She was a committee member of the Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists and served on the executive of both the Provincial and National Orthopedic Divisions of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

Those who were close to Jan appreciated her love of life, strength of character, her energy and her sense of humour.

"Making a life by what we give. We are saddened by the loss of Jan Leonard, a physiotherapist who gave life to Dalhousie's School of Physiotherapy," shares Dr. Derek Rutherford, Interim Director at the School, "Her knowledge, personality and sincerity for student learning will be sorely missed. Jan made a life by what she gave."

A service for Jan was held on Friday, September 7, 2018. Her obituary can be viewed here:

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/obituaries/1594996-leonard-jan-elizabeth>

Recognizing Jan's excellence and passion for physiotherapy students, a scholarship has been created in her name. Donations can be made to the [Jan Leonard scholarship fund](#) at Dalhousie University.