



Dr. Janice Ruth (Townsend) Townson

December 11, 1982 ~ March 21, 2023 (age 40)

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Obituary

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Dr. Janice Ruth (Townsend) Townson on March 21, 2023. Born in New Glasgow, NS, on December 11, 1982, she was the daughter of Stephen and Lillianne (Branscombe) Townsend.

Janice moved to Fall River, NS where she graduated from Charles P. Allen High School in 2000. She knew at an early age that she wanted to pursue a career in medicine and achieved a BSc.H. from Acadia University, followed by a Master degree and medical school at Dalhousie University. Dr. Townson completed her medical residency in Saint John, where she would begin her career as a Family Physician in 2016. Janice chose Saint John for the small community feel as she strove to provide the one-on-one care that she felt everyone deserved. Janice was admired and respected by both her patients and colleagues, winning the First Five Years of Family Practice Award from the New Brunswick College of Family Physicians in 2020.

While in medical school, she met Zac, the love of her life. They immediately bonded over their love of the outdoors, adventure, and traveling the world. She was positively giddy when he proposed in 2012, and even more so when they married on a rainy, but perfect June afternoon the following year. They were blessed shortly thereafter with the birth of their daughter Liliana, and their son Ryan, fulfilling Janice's dream of becoming a mother.

Spending time with her family was what mattered most to Janice. She made a point of attending every family gathering or event, and she genuinely looked forward to connecting with her loved ones and making memories. She, Zac, and their children took multiple vacations and camping trips, instilling the importance of quality family time. She also enjoyed hiking and vacationing with her mother, and loved the special bond they had.

Janice built and maintained relationships from every stage of her life and fostered those relationships with care and passion. She loved deeply, and made a lasting impact on everyone she met with her beautiful smile and positive energy.

In addition to her parents, Stephen and Lillianne, her loving husband, Zac, and her adored children, Liliana and Ryan, she is also survived by her grandmother, Grace (Steeves) Branscombe; her half-sister, Michelle; many cousins and extended family members; and countless friends. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, and her maternal grandfather, Everett Branscombe.

Resting at Fundy Funeral Home, visitation will take place Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 6-8pm with the Funeral Service being held Thursday, April 6, 2023, 1-2pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to METAvivor.org. For those unable to attend the funeral, you're welcome to watch it online at the following:<https://event.forgetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony?c=3b21a8c8-403b-4d19-acfb-068e124d7ede>
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Services

VISITATION

Wednesday
April 5, 2023

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Fundy Funeral Home
230 Westmorland Road
Saint John, NB E2J 2G3

 **Directions**

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday
April 6, 2023

1:00 PM
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Tribute Wall

Share a memory of Dr. Janice Ruth (Townsend) Townson

J **james macdonald**
April 24, 2023 11:39 AM

I knew Janice while she was living in Halifax after she had gotten her undergrad (I believe). I am shocked and saddened at this news and sorry for the husband and children - a lovely lady.

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W **William & Ardie Mae English**
April 8, 2023 10:18 AM

Dear family of Dr. Janice Townson, we send our most heartfelt condolences to all of you that Janice loved dearly. Remembering our first visit with her as my husband's Doctor. She filled the room with her radiant presence and had him at ease right away as he had concerns of having a Lady for a Doctor. She listened intently and oh so caring to his words, he was greatly impressed with her knowledge and looked forward to each visit. He is an eighty six year old man, so devastated that this disease would take this beautiful young daughter, wife and mother from her family. The years that she devoted to her career to care for others. And in the midst of her own health struggle, Dr. Janice send a letter of departure & appreciation to her patients, of which we will always hold unto so dearly along with our memory of her, will never be forgotten. The Joy of the Lord will be your comforter and strength as you thank and praise the name of Jesus for bringing Janice into your life, she truly was a special gift for all of you. Send with our love and prayers for each of you.

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Joan Wilkins

J

April 6, 2023 12:09 PM

I had the joy of meeting and working with Janice during her family medicine residency. She was in one of the first groups of residents I worked with. Her smile and beautiful personality will always be something I will remember. I recall vividly her sitting in my office letting me know she was expecting her first baby, but it was still not known publicly so I had to keep it a secret for a few weeks until she let Dr. Smith know was not an easy secret to keep! I enjoyed our little chats we had in my office and can still hear her laugh. We connected through FB over the years and loved seeing all the family pics and adventures she truly loved her family. May all the wonderful memories you and Janice made over the years help you through these difficult times. Deepest condolences to you, Lilianna, Ryan and all the extended family. (I am not able to attend the funeral today but hope to join virtually)

Joan Wilkins

[Comment](#)**Paul D Smith**

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April 4, 2023 4:00 PM

Sir, please accept my profound condolences at this time. May you take comfort knowing we share in your loss and strength from our prayers.

Sincerely,

Paul D Smith CPO (ret)

[Comment](#)**Laura Kinlin**

L

March 31, 2023 1:03 PM

Janice was a Dal Med classmate. I remember her kindness and her smile. Zac, Lilianna and Ryan - she obviously loved you with her whole heart. Sending you strength and courage as you face this tragic loss.

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