
RHONDA L. COMMODORE



**The Pas Correctional Centre
November 6, 2014
Aged 44**

Rhonda was born on Thursday, March 19, 1970, at St. Anthony’s Hospital in The Pas, Manitoba. She was welcomed to the family by proud parents Blanche and Tony Commodore and big brother, Rick. Rhonda grew up in the country and enjoyed a fun-filled life, with the neighbouring children often referring to them as the “Peanuts Gang” because they varied in age and size and always stuck together.

Rhonda began serving as a Correctional Officer at The Pas Correctional Centre in 2000 and within a few short years was chosen to be a part of the officers’ Honour Guard in 2004.

THE INCIDENT

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, a van transporting six prisoners to Dauphin from The Pas, a small town in Manitoba, crashed, killing 44-year-old Manitoba Corrections Officer Rhonda Commodore.

C.O. Rhonda Commodore, the passenger, along with her partner was transporting six prisoners to Dauphin in a Corrections Van. At approximately 9:45 AM they were travelling on Highway 10 about 45 km south of The Pas when the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch. C.O. Commodore was ejected from the vehicle as it came to a rest inside the tree line alongside the highway. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Road conditions may have contributed to the crash. The driver and six prisoners received minor injuries and were taken to the hospital as a precaution.

Rhonda's funeral was attended by dozens of Correctional Officers from The Pas, around Manitoba, and even other Provinces attended the memorial service to say goodbye to their friend and colleague. The Manitoba Corrections Honour Guard, along with honour guard members from the provincial EMS, Conservation, RCMP and Ontario Corrections were in attendance to pay their last respects.

On January 19, the Manitoba government announced it will commemorate the life of Rhonda Commodore, a dedicated correctional officer who lost her life while serving her community and the province, by naming a lake in her honour. Commodore Lake is located 45 minutes north of Flin Flon.



Corrections Local 9 President Les Saskowski, Attorney-General Gord Mackintosh, Anthony and Blanche Commodore, Assistant Deputy Minister of Corrections, Greg Graceffo & Manitoba Corrections Honour Guard

She is the first Correctional Officer in Manitoba to be Recognized.

Rhonda was a single mother of a young son. (Anthony 6) She is survived by her parents.

She is remembered on the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial on Parliament Hill, Ottawa on tablet #9, script 31.