



## Grace Ann Yantzi

April 26, 1960 - December 9, 2013

YANTZI, Grace Ann-Of Wellesley at the age of 53, Grace passed away peacefully at Grand River Hospital surrounded by loved ones on Monday, December 9, 2013 following a one and a half year journey through Myelodysplastic Syndrome, stem cell transplant and acute myeloid leukemia. Born on April 26, 1960, she was a faithful member of Maple View Mennonite Church and worked for over 30 years at Sunlife Financial in Waterloo. Remembered by her brothers and sisters Duane and Anne Yantzi of Kitchener, Ross and Debbie Yantzi of Cambridge, Janet and Gerald Weber of Goldstone, Pauline Yantzi of Wellesley and Donna and James Jantzi of Topping. Cherished Aunt Gracie to Rachel and James Yantzi, Krista, Travis, Staci and Alecia Weber, Kyle and Kurtis Jantzi. Predeceased by her parents Hubert Yantzi (1997) and Dorothy (nee Erb) (2008), sister in-law Connie Yantzi (1996) and a brother in infancy (1965). Also remembered by a wide circle of friends, whom she enjoyed spending time with. They were a great support and encouragement to her during her illness. Friends may visit with the family at Maple View Mennonite Church, 5074 Deborah Glaister Line, Wellesley, on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the church on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 1 p.m. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. Pastor Brent Kipfer officiating. Donations to the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre or Maple View Mennonite Church Building Fund. Another way to honour Grace's memory would be to donate blood or register with the OneMatch Stem Cell Program of

which Grace was a passionate advocate. Thank you to Dr. Tam and the nursing staff at Grand River Regional Cancer Centre, ICU, 6th floor oncology and stem cell transplant team at Princess Margaret Hospital.

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# Cemetery Details

## Maple View Mennonite Cemetery

5074 Deborah Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Visitation

DEC 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Visitation

DEC 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
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## Service

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DEC 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Ann Yantzi*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Grace's family. So sad to lose someone so young and with so much to give. I enjoyed dealing with Grace when she came out to our office and we often talked about my relatives that she had worked with at Mutual Life. She was a very supportive person and she shall be missed. Rest in peace Grace.*  
*Susan Mann*



**Susan Mann** - December 18, 2013 at 02:22 PM



“ *Grace was a ray of sunshine and had the gift of encouragement. It was a blessing to have known her. My sympathy to her family. She will be missed but remembered.*  
*Sharon Bowman Deslauriers*

**sharon deslauriers** - December 16, 2013 at 04:11 PM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Grace's family at this very difficult time.

*Although Grace and I haven't stayed in close contact the past number of years I have many memories of Grace from our days at Mutual Life both at work and outside. We worked together in Actuarial Admin. back in the 80's. I can remember her being the proud aunt when Rachel was born.*

*We both became proud homeowners around the same time as Grace bought her condo on Elmsdale. When my parents left their house she bought their Coca-Cola cooler.*

*The last time that I saw Grace was at Jack's Family Restaurant in St Jacobs where she was meeting friends for breakfast. Friends were such an important part of Grace's life. We shared a laugh as she remarked then that she still had that Coke cooler.*

*Rest in peace, Grace. Your memory will live on.*

*Brenda Strome (nee Swackhamer)*

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**Brenda Strome** - December 13, 2013 at 07:20 AM

SM

“ Sandy Moore lit a candle in memory of Grace Ann Yantzi



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**Sandy Moore** - December 12, 2013 at 08:23 PM

SM

*Lit a candle for you, for all the times you lit up the halls of Sun Life with your amazing smile and warm greetings. You will be missed. My condolences to the family.*

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**Sandy Moore** - December 12, 2013 at 08:30 PM

DK

“ *We will certainly miss Grace's beautiful smile and laugh. We just reconnected in April 2008 as former classmates . We would get together as a group of ladies and share stories. Grace always had some funny ones. Miss you.*

*Donna Kunkel*

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**Donna Kunkel** - December 12, 2013 at 06:51 AM

RM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ruthe Martin** - December 11, 2013 at 06:20 PM

BB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Barb Boegel** - December 11, 2013 at 01:22 PM

BC

*Wonderful friends, wonderful times, wonderful memories ..... forever in our hearts Gracie!  
Bruce*

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**Bruce Cook** - December 11, 2013 at 02:27 PM

LW

“ *The LOMA Society of Waterloo, on behalf of all of its members, sends our sincere condolences to Grace's family and friends. Grace was a long-time, valued member of our society and she will be missed.*

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**LOMA Society of Waterloo** - December 11, 2013 at 12:09 PM

PJ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Patti Jantzi** - December 11, 2013 at 10:50 AM

AG

*What a great picture of Grace. I loved working with Grace - she was a smart, thorough and professional person with a great quirky, dry sense of humour that always caught me off guard. My condolences to Grace's family - she spoke of you with such warmth. Alison Gilmour*

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**Alison Gilmour** - December 11, 2013 at 09:30 PM

TR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Teri Ryan - December 11, 2013 at 09:02 AM

ST

*Beautiful*

Sandra Yantzi Thomas - December 11, 2013 at 08:08 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Churchman - December 11, 2013 at 08:59 AM

KS

“ *What a wonderful lady! My condolences to all of Grace's friends and family, she will be missed.*

*Kim Spragg-Sun Life Saint John, NB*

Kim Spragg - December 11, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ Amazing Grace

*Your team at Sun Life will truly miss you, you were our "amazing Grace!"*

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;*

*I shall profess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.*

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**Jill Shantz** - December 11, 2013 at 07:41 AM

FK

“ *Sure do miss our many conversations on days we car pooled to and from Sun Life Financial. Grace was such a delightful, positive person, loved by all who knew her or worked with her.*

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**Fran Klassen** - December 11, 2013 at 07:32 AM

YM

“ *Ayman and I are so sorry to hear of Grace's passing. She was such a good spirit, and we will remember her for her gorgeous smile, intelligence, and great sense of humour. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Yvonne Martin** - December 11, 2013 at 07:25 AM

KC

“ *I too worked with Grace at Sun Life, and had the nickname Pearl for her.*

*We interacted regularly between our two roles, and it was usually Grace questioning something. She would often say she didn't mean to be a bother, or to irritate. To which explained that that a grain of sand is considered an irritant, but in an oyster, that grain of sand turns into a pearl. And Grace's intentions were always to create a pearl!*

*I'll miss your wit and sense of humour on our team.*

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**Kim Cairney** - December 11, 2013 at 06:21 AM

IF

“ ICT - Sun Life Financial purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Grace Ann Yantzi.



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**ICT - Sun Life Financial** - December 10, 2013 at 08:48 PM

CP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Grace at Sun Life and quickly found that she was the spark in our department. Her quick wit and ready smile always brightened our days. Just last week, I was fortunate enough to bump into Grace at the hospital and there she was, cracking jokes and making her nurse laugh.

*I'm sure wherever Grace is now, her good humour and contagious laughter are cheering up those around her--that kind of spark lives on forever.*

*Grace, you were loved by many and will be missed by all.*

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**Colleen Palubeski** - December 10, 2013 at 08:31 PM

AS

*So true Colleen...*

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**Amy Stahlke** - December 11, 2013 at 08:32 AM

FH

“ Futher-Franklin Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Grace Ann Yantzi



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**Futher-Franklin Funeral Home** - December 10, 2013 at 04:53 PM