

Jenese Lynn Krysa

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Jenese was born and raised in Kansas City, and has lived in Rolla, Richmond, Clinton, Warrensburg and Lee's Summit, all in Missouri. She attended Kansas City Public schools at Askew Grade School and graduated from East High School in 1968. While in high school, she was active in the Leundis Literary Society and won first place in the 1968 literary contest for declamation. She was on the honor role all four years and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was Senior Editor for the yearbook named the Eastonian.

She was awarded scholarships to attend UMKC and did so in 1969. She moved to live by herself the spring of 1969 and began working for a pharmaceutical company. She stayed employed until she was married in 1971, and moved to Rolla, Missouri to be with her husband who was attending the University of Missouri - Rolla.

Following graduation from Rolla, she moved to Richmond where she was employed by Hallmark Cards. Later when she moved to Clinton, she was employed by the Clinton School District, next at Kasinger Basin Regional Planning Commission, then as a legal secretary for the Henry County Prosecutors office.

While living in Warrensburg, she was a legal secretary for a local attorney.

She started a family in 1978 with the birth of her son, Jonathan. She stayed at home to raise him until he was in grade school. She then decided to return to school attending Longview Community College earning an Associates Degree. She enrolled next at Central Missouri State University and attained a BSBA in Marketing. Along the way, while attending college she also was employed by Longview Community College as primarily an Accounting Instructor but also taught other business classes. She also was a Graduate Assistant at CMSU in the Marketing Department. She next enrolled at CMSU and earned an MBA, attained a perfect 4.0 GPA and was awarded the Reid Hemphil Award as the top graduate student at CMSU in 1994, being nominated by the College of Business and Economics.

Her collegiate career spanned from 1984 through 1994. Her priority was her family, especially her son, so she took night classes throughout her career so she could be with and available to her son during the day. Education was very important to her, but her passion was first for her family.

She next began supporting the lawn and landscaping business with her son, assisting with the business end, but also with the hard work of mowing, planting, digging and setting stones and landscape materials. While doing this she assisted with her son's high school and college careers which culminated in him attaining deans list standings throughout and earning an MBA from Rockhurst University.

Jenese was a driven person, one who always met her commitments even if it interfered with her personal schedules. She was always on time and her work ethic was impeccable and absolutely professional in every way. She made herself available for tutoring at any time to her students and was recognized by her peers at Longview as one of if not the best accounting instructor at the school. Advanced accounting instructors commented that they always knew her students as they were the ones that excelled. She was an excellent writer and always asked for her accounting students to write essays and papers as part of her class requirements.

This scholarship is to help students that have the same passion and drive as Jenese in her collegiate career; one with motivation to succeed, and secondly to possess the drive to do the very best each day each effort and to finish the job with professionalism and excellence. Jenese exemplified professionalism, fairness and fortitude and she would want the deserving student to have similar qualities.