

Obituary: Jacqueline Geekie

Jacqueline Geekie passed away very suddenly at home, on Sunday 15th March 2026, aged 54 years, and will be very fondly remembered as a committed librarianship professional and a devoted wife and mother whose warmth, faith, intelligence and quiet strength touched many others.

Born Jacqueline Mair on 27 May 1971 in the town of Peterhead in Aberdeenshire, she was the youngest daughter of James and Mary Mair, and a much-loved sister younger sister to Christine, Elaine, and Susan. A bright and inquisitive child, Jacqueline developed a lifelong love of books and learning as a young girl which would stay with her throughout her life.



I was fortunate to have been one of Jacqueline's classmates when in 1989, undertook a degree in librarianship and information studies at the (then) Robert Gordon Institute of Technology (RGIT) in Aberdeen. Jacqueline had an incredible sense of warmth, calm and maturity that belied her youth, and demonstrated the gentle but determined resolve she brought to every situation. In 1992, Jacqueline was elected President of the Student Association with a decisive majority. Significantly, this role placed her at the heart of a historic moment as RGIT gained university status to become The Robert Gordon University (RGU), a milestone which she was honoured to represent.

After graduating in 1994, Jacqueline built a distinguished career in librarianship with a specific focus on information literacy, working in school libraries before moving into roles with Aberdeenshire Council and latterly Aberdeen City Libraries. Jacqueline was a dedicated professional, and served on the CILIP Information Literacy Group, as well as acting as the Digital Champion for Aberdeenshire Libraries. But despite her many professional achievements, Jacqueline was always modest and self-effacing. Throughout her career, she remained a frequent and very welcome visitor to the Information Management team at RGU, supporting the work of RGU staff and students alike, participating in projects and supervising students on placements.

Her generosity of spirit was particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when she served as a call handler on the Grampian Assistance Helpline, and also contributed to community efforts by producing 3D printed face shields.

Beyond Jacqueline's professional work, she was also a devoted wife and mother. In 1999, Jacqueline married the love of her life, John, appropriately in the library at Haddo House, in

Aberdeenshire. Their son, Alexander James was born in 2001 and was a source of continual joy for Jacqueline and John.

Jacqueline had a strong faith and was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in a number of roles, forming many deep and lasting friendships. Jacqueline Geekie lived her life meaningfully, with love, purpose, and integrity. She leaves behind her husband John, son Alexander, and a wide circle of family, friends, colleagues, and former students who will remember her with deep affection and gratitude.