

Jackaleen Dyck - Murder

Friday, October 3, 1980



Jackaleen Patricia Dyke was 23 years old, recently separated and living alone with her two small children in a house at 240 Bowman Avenue. On the evening of Friday, October 3, 1980, she decided to go out with her sister, her brother-in-law and a friend to Assiniboia Downs. The group departed at 7:30 p.m. and Jackaleen left her two children in the care of a nephew who was staying with her for the weekend.

Jackaleen and her friend returned home from Assiniboia Downs at about 10:45 p.m. and they stayed up until midnight watching a movie with her nephew. After the movie was over her nephew went to bed, Jackaleen talked with her sister on the phone about coming over the next morning, and then she went to bed as well. Her friend also stayed over that night, falling asleep on the couch.

At 4:00 a.m., Saturday, October 4, 1980, the tranquility of the house was disturbed when Jackaleen's friend heard her frantic calls for help and saw a shadowy figure (possibly male) flee out the back door of the house from Jackaleen's bedroom. On attending to her bedroom the friend found that Jackaleen had been stabbed numerous times (28 in total) and was bleeding profusely. Winnipeg Ambulance was summoned, and arrived shortly thereafter. Jackaleen was transported in life threatening condition to the Health Sciences Centre where she succumbed to her injuries a short time later.

In the weeks prior to her death, Jackaleen had been the target of other criminal acts including damage to her house and vehicle, and she was receiving harassing phone calls as well. While it was speculated that the murder might have been related to Jackaleen's marital break-up, her ex-husband was nearly 800 kilometers away in Saskatoon at the time.



Dyck (left) and family at her home, where she was killed, circa 1980

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Although the security chain for the back door was torn from its mounting, indicating forced entry, it is unlikely that this was a random attack and it is believed that Jackaleen knew her killer, or knew of them. Regardless, since there was no sign of any other offence being committed, based on the recent damage to her property, the harassing phone calls, and the severity of the attack, it appears that the crime was very personal in nature and directed specifically towards Jackaleen.

Jackaleen's daughter, Denise Pochinko, who was five at the time, also remains active in looking for clues to her mother's killing. See recent article on the case by Kelly Geraldine Malone of The Canadian Press:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/cold-case-killing-jackaleen-dyck-winnipeg-1.5412707>

