



Annette Gail Jenson

March 19, 1964 - September 29, 2024

Annette Gail Dockter Jenson, 60, of Minneapolis, MN, passed away peacefully on September 29th, 2024, surrounded by family after a brief but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Annette was born on March 19th, 1964, in Breckinridge, MN, to Arthur and Evelace (Buus) Dockter. Her family relocated to Fargo, ND, in 1968, where she graduated from Fargo South High School in 1982. She went on to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead, earning a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Annette married Jeffrey Jenson on August 23rd, 1986, at First United Methodist Church in Fargo, ND. Together, they moved to Minnesota where they welcomed Alexander (1993) and Abigail (1996). Their careers took them to Chicago, IL and Fort Worth, TX, but later put down roots in St. Anthony, MN. Although Annette and Jeff divorced in 2021, they remained friends and enjoyed playing card games together during family gatherings.

Throughout her life, Annette applied her education degree in various ways, teaching and volunteering in her children's elementary school classes. She also had a successful career in Marketing and Communications, most recently serving as Vice President of Product Marketing, Communications, Sales Strategy, and Training at Ameriprise Financial. Even after being diagnosed with cancer in April, she continued to work until August.

A passionate advocate for animals (goats especially), Annette adopted a vegan lifestyle in 2016 and supported multiple animal rescues. She energized herself with walks alongside her dogs Dutch and Kiera, and sharing meals

and drinks with friends and family at local Minneapolis establishments.

Annette's love of life and her extroverted nature made her a constant source of joy to those around her. What brought her the most joy was her special bond with her granddaughter Zoey, who would light up when she got to spend time with "Gamma Netty".

Annette was a devoted member of Faith United Methodist Church, where she contributed to the community by working in the nursery and Sunday school, serving on the staff-parish relations committee, and volunteering with Reclaim to support queer and trans youth.

Annette was welcomed into Heaven by her father Arthur Dockter, mother-in-law Carol Jenson, and sister-in-law Carla Jenson. Remaining to cherish Annette Jenson's memory are children, Alex (Bailey) Jenson and Abby Jenson; grandchild, Zoey Jenson; mother, Evelace Dockter; sister, Patty (Todd) Eustice; brother, Jay Dockter; father-in-law, David Jenson; brother-in-law Jay Jenson; nieces and nephews, Caitlin (Darin) Erickson, Meghan Eustice, Kristen Eustice, Allison (Justin) Mantel, Sarah Jenson, Casey Dockter, Carly Dockter, and Kirby Dockter.

Visitation will be held October 10th, 2024 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel. Funeral service will be held October 11th at 11:00 am at Faith United Methodist Church in Saint Anthony, MN. A private livestreaming link will be provided later.

Memorial donations can be made to one of Annette's favorite organizations: Midwest Animal Rescue and Services, Spring Farm Sanctuary, Reclaim, & Faith United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel
4101 Central Avenue N.E.
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
(763) 789-4436
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

OCT **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church
2708 33rd Avenue NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Memorial Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lynell Dockter Krecklau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.*

Lynell Dockter Krecklau - October 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Georgiann H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.*

Georgiann H. - October 10, 2024 at 04:13 PM

LM

“ To the family of Annette –

I had the opportunity to work for Annette from 2016-2018. Annette was extremely gracious in accepting my “assignment” to her team at a very challenging point in my career at the company. My time working with her was a highlight of my 30+ years at Ameriprise – she was respectful, kind, smart and very funny, especially at times when humor was needed! She was able to navigate challenging projects and circumstances with integrity, composure and grace. A truly authentic person in an environment that frequently lacked that quality. I am so grateful that we became friends and were able to spend some time outside of work getting to know each other personally. She spoke frequently of you - Alex, Bailey and Abby - and while I never met any of you, I was able to get to know you a bit through her love for you. I will cherish the many conversations we shared. I am sad that I was not able to see or speak with Annette in the last few years and am so sorry for your loss. In my time with her I observed her deep faith in Christ – a value we shared – and I believe she is now in a place of true peace and joy. May your memories of her carry you through this very difficult time. May her soul rest in peace.

*My prayers and sympathy -
Linda Moriarty*

Linda Moriarty - October 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM

MG

“ Thank you God for Annette's friendship over the past 50+ years!

I moved to Fargo from Minot summer of 6th grade and Annette & I became BFF's. She was so welcoming, loving, beautiful, smart and hilarious! High school took us down different paths but I always loved to catch up with her at our class reunions. Then one day (in 1999?) I was just getting a sandwich at my local Subway in North Richland Hills TEXAS and there she was! They had actually purchased a home just 3 blocks from mine...what are the chances of that in a city like DFW? We were both Moms then and we loved to get the kids together to play and catch up.

After they moved back to MN, we lost touch again but when I saw her at our recent 40th High school reunion in 2022, it was like no time had passed. We talked about her coming to meet me somewhere fun as I traveled around in my new RV. Unfortunately, the timing did not work out but that was because she wanted to spend every precious second she could with her new grandbaby. She was sooooo excited to be a Grandma!

My prayer for Annette's family & friends is that remembering the joy she brought to this world will someday outweigh the sorrow of her sudden loss.

You are missed, sweet Annette. May you rest in peace.

Love & HUGS, Micki XO

Micki Aldridge Griffin - October 10, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JH

“ Jackie Schaeftbauer, Jim Hanson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



Jackie Schaeftbauer, Jim Hanson - October 09, 2024 at 10:57 PM

AG

“ Ameriprise HR - Amy, Kristina & Gina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.

Ameriprise HR - Amy, Kristina & Gina - October 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM

AG

“ Ameriprise HR - Amy, Kristina & Gina purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



Ameriprise HR - Amy, Kristina & Gina - October 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



October 09, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *WMS - Paramita and team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.*

WMS - Paramita and team - October 08, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 08, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Wealth Management Solutions/ Ameriprise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.*

Wealth Management Solutions/ Ameriprise - October 08, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 08, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 08, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *Annette and I went to elementary school together. At our last reunion it was so fun taking pictures of the Lewis and Clark crew. Annette was so kind to everyone. She will be missed. Sending prayers to all.*

Missy Daul Youngs - October 07, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Sandy and Bill Bolton purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



Sandy and Bill Bolton - October 05, 2024 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ Paul, Beth, Colleen and Emily Bruce purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



Paul, Beth, Colleen and Emily Bruce - October 05, 2024 at 04:56 PM

LL

“ Love, Ann Marie Lawler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Annette Gail Jenson.

Love, Ann Marie Lawler - October 04, 2024 at 09:58 PM

LL

“ Love, Ann Marie Lawler purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



Love, Ann Marie Lawler - October 04, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



October 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Annette and her team for several years. I enjoyed running into Annette in the office, she could always make me smile. I loved her wit and wisdom. My condolences to her family.

Melissa Steiner - October 03, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.



October 02, 2024 at 10:30 PM

HU

“ Annette was such an amazing human. I was lucky enough to work with her for almost 5 years and she was a daily dose of joy and humor. Annette, you will be so missed by everyone.

Holly Unumb - October 02, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ Annette was my office neighbor for years. Very kind and generous person. Deep condolences to the friends and family!

Michael Margulis - October 02, 2024 at 04:55 PM

KA

“ KA
Kelly Applegate

4 hours ago

Annette was a force for good, always. You could count on her to do the right thing, even when it was hard.

She was a leader you would follow and a friend you would show up for.

She will be deeply missed, and she lives on in all who knew her.

Kelly Applegate - October 02, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MW

“ *A beautiful angel to watch over you all. Annette was a strong and independent woman and I am so thankful for the times I could be with her. We are here for you. xoxo Martha*

MARTHA WILSON - October 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM

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Kelly Applegate - October 02, 2024 at 12:23 PM

LK

Annette was a wonderful friend, an amazing person and I am so fortunate to have had her in my life. I loved spending time with her, we always had a great time together.

She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

I loved the way she lite up when she talked about her children and her beautiful granddaughter Zoey. She loved her so and cherished the time she spent with her.

Sending love and prayers to you all.

Lisa Knutson - October 02, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Annette Gail Jenson.*



October 02, 2024 at 09:53 AM