



Jane Frances Pollack

March 1, 1965 - May 12, 2025

The world's light has dimmed with the loss of one of its kindest, brightest souls. Jane Frances Pollack, beloved daughter, sister, auntie, friend, and doting cat-mom, died on May 12, 2025, due to a brain aneurysm.

Jane was born on March 1, 1965. She grew up in Rochester, Minnesota. She attended St. Francis of Assisi School, Lourdes High School for ninth grade, and graduated from John Marshall High School in 1983. Jane earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Minnesota State University - Mankato. She earned her master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

Jane moved to the Twin Cities after college and ultimately made Eagan home. She worked many places as a computer programmer throughout the years, including the National Marrow Donor Program in Minneapolis. Education was always so important to her and even though it took a while, Jane earned her master's degree in "Bioinformatics and Computational Biology." (With a title like that, no wonder it took a few years.) She made a late-stage career move to The National Cancer Institute: Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology. She worked on a team that was working towards a cure for cancer. Unfortunately, she had recently lost her job due to cost-cutting measures and was worried about finding another one. However, on the day before the aneurysm, she got the call that her position was reinstated. She was so happy and relieved. Jane loved the people she worked with, and she was very proud of the work she did.

How do you sum up a life so well-lived? Above all, Jane loved her family and

friends and would do anything for them. She was a second mom to her niece and nephew and shaped who they are today in many ways. She wouldn't miss attending a family event and she would never pass up on an opportunity to be with her friends either. She traveled the world, returning again and again to her beloved France. She loved books (so many books!), live theater, board games, going on bike rides and walks, sewing, quilting, drawing, and writing. She was amazingly creative. Like her mother, Jane loved animals, especially her sweet kitties. Finally, as an organ donor, Jane's selflessness will change the lives of so many. Anyone who would receive her gracious and loving heart would be the luckiest of them all.

Those of us she leaves behind are heartbroken: her father and best friend, Clete, brother, Steve, sister, Katie (George Vander Weit), nephew, Jacob (Becca), niece, Rachel (long-time boyfriend Alfredo), and so many other family members and friends. Jane was preceded in death by her mother, Norma.

Jane was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. A private family service was held.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" service on May 31st, 2025. Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel, 9940 Bush Lake Road, Bloomington, Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 10:00am, service at 11:00am, with lunch to follow.

Please direct any donations to organizations that care for animals.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Memorial Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

IM

“ Jane was a great mentor I had as an intern at NMDP. I learned a lot from her and I will always be grateful for the impact she had on my career. May her rest in peace and I wish a lot of strength to her family and friends!

loana M. - June 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM

IM

“ loana M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Frances Pollack.

loana M. - June 03, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Jane Frances Pollack.



May 27, 2025 at 08:18 PM



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KE

“ I remember Jane as one of the brightest lights in my small click of high school and college friends—smart, bubbly, and always ready with a laugh that could lift your spirits no matter what kind of day you were having. She had a way of making those around her feel seen and welcome, and her energy was truly infectious. Though we lost touch over the years, the memories of her kindness and warmth have stayed with me. I'm deeply sorry we didn't reconnect, but I'm grateful for the time we shared and the joy she brought into so many lives.

Kevin Ewert

Kevin Ewert - May 23, 2025 at 09:20 AM

VP

“ Dear Jane, you will be so missed, and the world's light has indeed dimmed. I am so grateful that our paths crossed at NMDP, and that I got to know you during that short time. Rest in peace, dear Jane 💔

Vanja Paunic - May 21, 2025 at 07:38 PM

CM

“ Gratitude for 25 years of friendship and adventures with Jane. We first met while working at Optum. Our friend group there delighted in naming ourselves the Extremely Casual Biking Club for biking/walking, travel trips and visiting over breakfast!

Cathlin Mahal - May 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM

EC

“ *Extremely Casual Biking Club purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jane Frances Pollack.*



Extremely Casual Biking Club - May 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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KA

“ *Jane has been a dear friend for many years. We have shared many wonderful memories biking and vacationing as a group. You were one of the people that stuck with me when I had back surgery. You would let me not walk. You and the others in our ECBC (Extremely Casual Biking Club) group would not let me give up. You stood by me all these years. You will be greatly missed.*

Kathy - May 21, 2025 at 12:23 PM

MS

“ *For many years, Jane and I joked that while we worked at the same place, we only saw each other at conferences in far away cities. Then we were seated on the same floor, sitting about 50 feet from one another. I am thankful for the conversations we shared over the years - thoughtful, warm-hearted, and funny. Jane will be missed on this side of heaven.*

~Mary Senneka

mary senneka - May 21, 2025 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Thank you Jane - I am glad to have known you and honored to say you were my manager and friend.

Sean Stagg - May 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM