



Janet Ann Kundert

July 12, 1945 - December 23, 2020

Janet Ann Kundert, age 75, of St. Francis, formerly of Ramsey, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 23 from a heart attack at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.

Janet Rasmussen, daughter of Maurice and Alma, was born July 12, 1945 in Rochester, MN along with twin brother John. She grew up in Pine Island, MN and graduated from Pine Island High School in 1963. In June 1967, she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Occupational Therapy. On August 6, 1967, she married James Kundert at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island. The couple made their home in Ramsey for many years.

Janet was an occupational therapist at Anoka County Achieve for 15 years, retiring in January 2001. She was a caregiver for her parents and later for her husband, also donating a kidney to him. Janet was a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. More recently she was a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey and was a member of the church choir.

Janet spent many happy hours at the cabin on Hickory Lake, near Aitkin, where she and Jim hosted fish fry's for family and friends. They enjoyed extensive travel, to destinations including Alaska, Australia, Ireland, Mexico, and many more. She enjoyed crafting and sewing, especially quilting with her

quilt group. Making quilts, wall hangings, and special gifts for loved ones. She was a collector of all things owl related and an avid baker. Janet's circle of family and friends looked forward to her incomparable cookie plates each Christmas. She also enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her grandchildren.

Janet is survived by her daughter, Jennifer (Michael) Scheller of Osseo, WI and son, Joshua (Molly) Kundert of Lakeville, MN; twin brother, John (Mary) Rasmussen of Loudon, TN; two sisters, Marge Charlton of Medford, MN and Sally (Mike) Dea of Minden, IA; brother-in-law, Larry (Janell) Kundert of Pine Island; five grandchildren, Tyler Wengler of Coon Rapids, Mackenzie & Ella Scheller of Osseo, and Patten & Trace Kundert of Lakeville; her kitties, Gracie & Boo; plus a niece, several nephews, and many more family & friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, on July 31, 2016; her daughter, Joy, at birth; and brother-in-law, Richard Charlton.

No services are planned at this time. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, National Kidney Foundation or to her church, Lord of Life. They may be sent directly to the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I loved getting email gift cards from Jan. She was a wonderful, sweet friend. She will be missed by so many. Joanne Schenck

JoanneSchenck - January 17, 2021 at 12:15 PM

TR

“ Janet and I reacquainted over the last couple years. She was a high school classmate, class of 63. We discovered that we shared many life experiences that bonded us together. Our shared values and caring toward the other made our loving relationship so right for us. We enjoyed each other's company very much. She out fished me easily on Hickory Lake, smiling and cheering me on to catch the big one. She was an amazing lady who loved life. My condolences to Josh, Jen and her family and friends. Our toast when having a glass of wine was "Here is to us, We are good for each other." Love to you Babe. Missing you Chickie. Tom Rau

Tom Rau - January 07, 2021 at 03:03 PM

LB

“ Jan is a person who will be missed by all who met her. She was the most delightful summer neighbor at Hickory Lake! She was the best fish catcher and fryer according to my granddaughters. She laughed and smiled through everything. Jan enjoyed her lake fun but had just as much joy seeing animals or other people enjoying her lake. One big regret thinking about Jan is I didn't help her check off one more thing on her bucket list.

Late last summer she shared she wanted to “skinny dip”. She said it with a giggle and then full laughter!

My sympathies go to Josh, Jen and the Kundert family. Jan will truly be missed.

Luanne Bayers

Mike Bayers

Luanne Bayers - January 06, 2021 at 12:01 PM

GR

“ I met Jan when we were juniors at the University of Minnesota in the Fall of 1965. She was an Occupations therapy student and I was a Physical therapy student. We lived two doors apart at Comstock Hall. She was the sweetest most sincere person I ever met. She is the soul of the universe. My sympathy goes out to her whole family. She will be so missed by all who knew her.

Ginger Rasmussen

Ginger Rasmussen - January 03, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PB

“ Jan entered my life in the fall of 1964 when we were assigned to be Comstock Hall room-mates in our sophomore year at the University of Minn. She walked in with 1/2 a cake from her parent's wedding anniversary party earlier that Sunday afternoon, perhaps held at the Rainbow Cafe. Her generosity, wisdom and creativity was never ending. Over the decades as we both traveled life's adventures, heartaches and joyous events, I grew to love her more and more. I will miss her forever.

My condolences to Jan, Josh, Jack, Sally and Marge along with everyone who's life she touched with her gentleness, mischievous spirit and fishing skills.

Pat Burns

Pat Burns - January 03, 2021 at 01:54 PM

NP

“ I was so incredibly shocked and saddened to hear of Jan's sudden passing this evening. She was truly one of the kindest, sweetest people I've ever met. She was a beloved cat care volunteer for my rescue, one of the most polite clients at our veterinary clinic and Momma to 3 kitties from my rescue (the late Maddie, and current kitties, Gracie & Boo). My heart goes out to Jan's family & friends.



Nicole Perreault - January 02, 2021 at 11:58 PM

SS

“ I worked with Jan. She was the ultimate professional Occupational Therapist. She accepted people as they were and did her best to make life easier for them. She was positive and professional. She never took short cuts. She had a great attitude and a fun sense of humor.. The inservice trainings she gave us were thoughtful, educational and enjoyable. Her work was downright inspirational yet she had a playful side too. Her job was four days a week and she had Fridays off. Every Thursday she would mention it was s**t (so happy it's Thursday) day. Jan loved to wear clothes for every holiday. I actually never met a person who was so into celebrating each and every holiday. I am going to miss those Blue Mountain holiday greeting emails from my dear friend Jan. Rest in peace. My most sincere condolences to her family and friends.



Sue Suchy - January 02, 2021 at 10:11 PM

MG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. She was a delightful person and I enjoyed my brief time with her at Lord of Life. I will miss her.
Pastor Margie Guelker

Margie Guelker - January 02, 2021 at 09:17 PM

TH

“ I just got a message from Janet not that long ago... I always admired her as a therapist and as a lady who held great dignity and quiet strength who always demonstrated a huge and beautiful heart. Rest in Peace dear sweet Janet



Teresa Hamm

Teresa Rose Hamm - January 02, 2021 at 09:02 PM

DZ

I just got the nicest email from Jan. I was shocked to see this Post to say the least. Jan was such a sweet coworker. She will be welcomed in Heaven with open arms! My sympathies go out to Jen and Josh and their families and anyone who called Jan their friend!

Dianne Zach

Dianne Zach - January 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM

MD

Jan was a neighbor and friend for over 40 years. She had such a sweet disposition and optimistic outlook on life. The news of her death came as a shock and I'm still reeling from that message. My deepest sympathy and loving thoughts are with Jen and Josh during this, the saddest of times.

Margi Denlinger

Margaret (Margi) Denlinger - January 02, 2021 at 09:48 PM

BS

Jan will be so missed by so so many friends and family. I hadn't heard from Jan for a couple weeks and was thrilled to see her name on my ringing phone only to hear this sad sad message from Josh. It broke my heart. It still hurts. So hard to think we won't be having lunches at the Roadhouse with Jan and friends. She was absolutely the best. She suffered so after Jim passed away. I was so happy when she met Tom and was able to smile again. Jennifer and Josh, your Mom was loved, and she loved her family so very much. Bev Kutter Sellman and family.

Beverly Sellman - January 16, 2021 at 03:14 PM