



## Janet Kathleen Lazar

November 13, 1944 - January 3, 2021

Lazar, Janet K. Age 76, passed away peacefully January 3, 2021 of Alzheimer's disease. Jan was born November 13, 1944 in Mankato, MN. She grew up in Mankato and graduated from Good Counsel Catholic High School. Jan earned a degree in Medical Technology from Mankato State University. After college, Jan worked for Northwestern and St. John's (Illinois) hospitals as a medical technologist. She was a devoted wife to John Lazar; they married May 27th, 1972. Jan and John moved to Springfield, Illinois for a few years then back to MN in 1980. She enjoyed working with children as a para educator for District 281 (ESL). Preceded in death by parents Marie and Kenneth "Merle" Austin, brother Dave Austin, and sister Carol O'Brien. Survived by husband John, son Jeff, and daughter Katie Carlson (Jim); grandchildren David & Aaron; and countless relatives and friends. She will be remembered by her kindness, faith and one-liners. Jan loved reading, flowers, watching the Twins, Vikings, and Green Hornets softball team. Her smile lit up every room she was in. Jan will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private service will be held. Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429  
(763) 533-8643  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429  
(763) 533-8643  
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## Chapel Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429  
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## Graveside Service

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JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Kathleen Lazar.*



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January 12, 2021 at 11:41 AM

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“ *With sadness I had read about Jan's death in the parish prayer line. Having worked with Jan over the years in various events, she was a treasured parish friend. Then Duane sent the obituary that outlined Jan's life. Born in 1944 in Mankato (Mankato is large...), graduated from Good Counsel (I graduated from Loyola so did not know all the Good Counsel grads...), survived by brother David Austin ( a Jan Austin from Mankato who graduated from Good Counsel whose maiden name was Austin...) So I carefully reread the obituary, looked up this site to get a picture of Jan. And there she was, my grade school friend at Saints Peter and Paul in Mankato. Never, never did we make that connection while becoming friends at St Vincent de Paul. She was Jan (not Janet) Lazar (not Austin), and we had never had the occasion to talk about our roots going back to the 1950's. But as soon as I made the connections by the name and picture, I was certain that was the same Janet I knew so very long ago. Rest in peace, dear Janet. Some day we will again meet and we will have a good laugh over having known each other in the 2000's and not realizing we were grade school friends. Betty WILLAERT Bartos*

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**Betty Bartos** - January 10, 2021 at 10:43 AM