



## Janet Katherine (Thiel) Marxen

March 3, 2016

Marxen, Janet Katherine (Thiel) (August 15, 1945-2016) of Minnetonka, departed our earthly life on March 3 from her last home, Our Lady of Peace Hospice, in St. Paul, Minnesota, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved daughter of Virginia and Leonard Thiel (deceased of St. Louis Park, MN), faithful sister to Leonard Jr., Mark, (Mary) Cheryl Morris (Gary), Michael (Deborah), William and Robert. Janet graduated from Holy Angels high school in 1963 and went on to earn Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Language and Literature/Writing from Loras College in Dubuque, IA. She also completed graduate work in gerontology administration from the University of North Texas and recently acquired her Pastoral Care certification from St. Catherine's University in St. Paul. Wife of 49 years to Donald Marxen; mother to Anne Marxen-Kuennen, husband Jeff, deceased (Nicholas Marxen, Tyler Kuennen); Jake, wife Cathy (Daniel, Calvin, Molly), Benjamin, and Joseph; as well as many in-laws, nieces and nephews; treasured friends and grateful colleagues. Janet was a kind and selfless soul, who gave much more than she received. She dedicated the last 16 years of her life working with the elderly and their families, most recently as Director of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at Avinity in Richfield, MN. Like her father, she was a tireless worker who continued serving the elderly until just days before she passed despite the debilitating effects of cancer. A wake will be held at Washburn McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel on March 6 from 1pm to 4pm. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Basilica of St. Mary, 1600 Hennepin Ave, Mpls at noon

on March 7 followed by a reception. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck  
Johnson 952-938-9020 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Bob & I are saddened by the news of Janet's death. It hardly seems possible that 47 years have passed since I first saw that beautiful smile and heard her golden laugh. As a young woman, she challenged me to think in new directions and was my mentor during my first pregnancy. When the second pregnancy followed so quickly on the heels of the first, she helped me to appreciate that life doesn't always unravel smoothly, so it's important to learn how to ride the waves.

*This valuable perspective was re-enforced years later when my young grandson died. She and Don had planned to meet Bob & I for dinner in Madison, WI, and while we ate, the support they offered as Kevin was dying was the thing I remember the most. No one could ask for a better pair of friends!*

*I last saw Janet in June 2015. As usual, she was upbeat and focused on what she was doing and hoped to do in her ministry. Later, before Christmas, I was thrilled to learn that she had finally been named a chaplain -- what a joy that she attained this level of service, because to Janet, service to others was her primary objective.*

*I know my friend did not consider herself to be a totally awesome person -- she was so humble -- but the rest of us know how great she was. I wish her everlasting joy and only hope that I can achieve the beauty and peace of soul that she so lovingly shared with others.*

*Condolences to Don and to the Marxen children. She will be missed and your sorrow will be heavy, but trust that she will always be near to you in your hearts.*

*Love,*

*Bob & Pat Buck  
Grove City, PA 16127*

Patricia Buck - March 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM

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“ You have our sincere sympathy on your loss. Janet and Don lived a couple blocks away from us on Clarke Drive in Dubuque for many years.

Before his death in 2012, our oldest son Nick was friends with Joe Marxen for several years. In fact, Joey, Nick and Matt Marcus formed a band briefly. We all knew and liked Janet. She was a very talented and interesting woman and was kind to our son and the entire family.

I have a few books of poems and stories by Loras faculty, students, staff, friends or relatives in which she had some submissions. I remember that she was a little shocked but very pleased and cooperative when I asked her to autograph them for me. An autograph, I believe, establishes a personal relationship--a special bond--between an author and a reader. I will remember Janet every time I go back through any of those books and see her signature. I wish they had stayed in Dubuque so I could extend our sympathy in person, but unfortunately this inadequate note will have to suffice. God bless the family at this time.

John and Jeanne Klauer, Nick (deceased) and his two sons (Reznor & Ryan), David, Emily and her three children (Jodeci, Jemma & Jameson)

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The Klauer family - March 07, 2016 at 09:46 AM