



## Janice (Jan) Nielsen

December 3, 2013

Nielsen, Janice (Jan) Ries, age 78, of Coon Rapids, died December 3rd in her home. Jan was born to the late Albert and Evelyn Ries, in Tyler, Minnesota. She attended the University of Minnesota where she met and fell in love with her late husband, Phillip Nielsen. She was preceded in death by her brothers Richard and Jim Ries.

Jan was a remarkable woman. A beloved teacher of 7th Grade English at Coon Rapids Junior High for 30 years, Jan influenced, during her long career, the lives and minds of many students and coworkers. Her classroom has been described as THE inspiration for several of her students to pursue teaching and writing as careers.

Possessing the rare combination of outstanding listening skills and a generous heart, Jan was a sounding board, counselor, and supporter for friends and family for all thoughts, concerns, worries, wishes, and aspirations; all done without judgment.

She is survived by her four children, Denise Guyton, Scott (Kimberly) Nielsen. John (Tracy) Nielsen, and Richard (Karen Oftelie) Nielsen; sister Marjorie Petersen; brother Harold Ries; and grandchildren Allison Guyton, Noah Mosley, Tyler Davis, Ashley, Xander, Guthrie, Paige, and Margo Nielsen. A remembrance service is expected in the spring or summer, notice to follow; flowers or memorials appreciated then.

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