



Jeanne Lynn Gangelhoff

July 21, 1952 - September 10, 2020

Jeanne Lynn Gangelhoff (Melich) recently developed pancreatic cancer that was just too much for her body to handle. She went lovingly to be with the Lord in Heaven on September 10th, 2020. Jeanne was preceded in death by her father Leonard Melich and Mother Marian Melich and survived by her sister Linda Taylor (Melich), brother-in-law Eugene Taylor, and husband Gene Gangelhoff. In the words of Jeanne's husband Gene, "Jeanne was the most caring and loving person who had the best smile. She was the best listener (people loved talking to her) and was so passionate about caring for animals. You couldn't ask for a truer friend." Jeanne's sister Linda also shared kind words, noting, "My sister and I have always been very close. She was the best sister in the world. She was easy going and kind to everyone and fun to be around."

Memorial Service will be held at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, September 19th. Viewing at 9:15 am / Service at 10 am.

Address: 19921 Nightingale St. NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011

Jeanne grew up in Northeast Minneapolis with her father, mother, and sister and was very close to her family all of her life. Throughout her childhood, they loved to go bowling, walking around the airport to watch the airplanes come and go, taking day trips, and spending time at a relative's farm in Foreston, MN. They also made several memories at their cabin swimming, water skiing, fishing, playing volleyball, and entertaining friends and relatives.

Jeanne attended Waite Park Elementary, Northeast Junior High, and Marshall Senior High School. After high school, she was offered a full singing scholarship in Michigan but didn't want to leave her family. She later went to Hennepin Tech for an Associates Arts Degree. Early on in life, Jeanne had a variety of jobs including working at St. Mary's Hospital as a nurse's aid and operating a cleaning business. She then worked with her husband Gene doing commercial art at home. They authored two books together: A walk through the woods of Minnesota and A walk through Minnesota Zoo.

Jeanne met her husband Gene in 1974 and they married shortly after at St. Charles Church in Northeast Minneapolis. Soon after, in 1976, Jeanne's uncle built them their forever home in Oak Grove, Minnesota - where they have lived ever since. At this home, Gene and Jeanne loved having all sorts of pets together, including horses, and as Jeanne would say "kitty cats". They also welcomed many wild animal visitors from deer to hummingbirds to wild turkeys and sandhill cranes. She always had such a big heart and cared greatly for their animals.

Jeanne also found joy singing at St. Patrick's Church, visiting with her family, having adventures with their neighbors - from campfires and smores' to going to the Peoples Cafe' and shopping. Some of her favorite hobbies also included crossword puzzles, dot-to-dot books, studying medicine for fun, reading, writing (she kept a day to day diary and wrote short stories), caring for rescue animals, going on day trips in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and

enjoying the company of all her next-door neighbors. Most recently, she really loved talking about everything with her neighbor Ryan - who considered Jeanne his best friend which she just loved.

Jeanne was special to so many people and will live on in our hearts and memories forever. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalms 23:6

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church (Oak Grove)
19921 Nightingale Street NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP 19. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)
2250 Saint Anthony Blvd
Minneapolis, MN 55418