



Janet M. Ropes

March 15, 1942 - December 5, 2025

Janet M. Ropes, age 83, of Utica, Michigan, passed away on December 5, 2025. She was born on March 15, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Joseph and Martha Feger.

Janet was the beloved wife of the late David Ropes, with whom she shared 47 years of marriage. Together, they built a warm, welcoming home and a family rooted in love, faith, and togetherness. She was the cherished mother of David (Andrea) Ropes Jr., Nicole (Zayne) Roumaya, Jonathan (Stacie) Ropes, and James (Tanya) Ropes. Janet was also a proud and devoted grandmother to Ashley (Craig), Christopher (Katie), Elena, Faith, Nathan, Grace, Garrett, Carissa, and Alyvia, and a loving great-grandmother to William and Gabriel.

A dear sister to many, Janet was preceded in death by her parents but carried their values of kindness, compassion, and hospitality throughout her life. She embraced her role as a stay-at-home mom and grandmother, finding joy in caring for her family and creating a home where everyone felt welcome. Known affectionately as the "community Kool-Aid mom," her house was always a gathering place for neighborhood children and friends—a place filled with laughter, comfort, and unconditional love.

Janet had a deep appreciation for flowers and nature, and she found simple

joy in the beauty of God's creation. She also enjoyed watching Fox News, keeping herself informed and engaged with the world. Above all, her greatest passion was her faith. Janet lived her life devoted to Christ, and her love for the Lord shone brightly through her gentle spirit, generous heart, and unwavering strength.

Janet leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and warmth that will continue to live on in the many lives she touched. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the blessing of knowing her. A visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd (3Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Monday (December 8th) from 2pm -8pm. Funeral service will take place the following day, Tuesday (December 9th) at Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke Ave, Utica. She will lie instate at 9:30am until the time of service at 10am.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Instate

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



December 08, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *Love the viviano family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



Love the viviano family - December 08, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beth Bryan and Sofia (Buntrock) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.*

Beth Bryan and Sofia (Buntrock) - December 08, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beth Bryan and Sofia (Buntrock) purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



Beth Bryan and Sofia (Buntrock) - December 08, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BF

“ Becky Stoutenger & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janet M. Ropes.



Becky Stoutenger & Family - December 08, 2025 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ Becky Stoutenger & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.

Becky Stoutenger & Family - December 08, 2025 at 10:19 AM

KM

“ Kristy Bezenah & Robert Madeira planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.

Kristy Bezenah & Robert Madeira - December 08, 2025 at 08:57 AM

KM

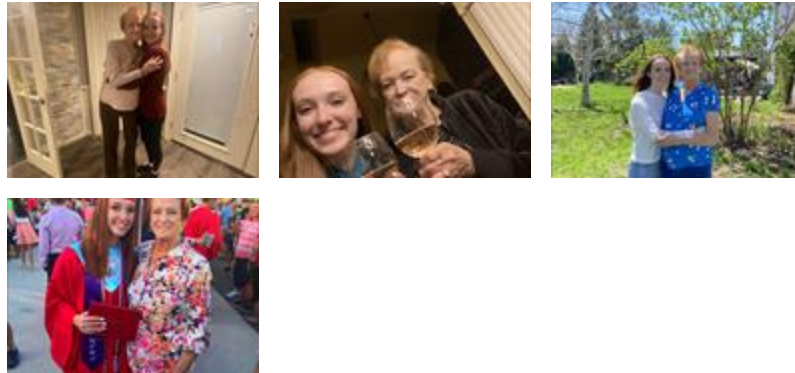
“ Kristy Bezenah & Robert Madeira purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Janet M. Ropes.



Kristy Bezenah & Robert Madeira - December 08, 2025 at 08:57 AM

FR

“ If you asked me if I looked more like my mom or my dad, I'd say I look like my grandma. Looking at younger pictures of her solidified that for me. She watched me everyday after school growing up and taught me so many life lessons. She wanted nothing but the best for me and anyone around her. I hope to be just as caring, thoughtful, understanding, and loving as her. She is truly the best and I am so happy she is dancing with my papa up in heaven now.



faith ropes - December 07, 2025 at 10:21 PM

DK

“ Dolores Hogan Kane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.

Dolores Hogan Kane - December 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM

DK

“ Dolores Hogan Kane purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Janet M. Ropes.



Dolores Hogan Kane - December 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM

JR

“ Thank you for all the flowers, photos, and memories!



jon ropes - December 07, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JR

“ Judy Redeagle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.

Judy Redeagle - December 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM

JR

“ Judy Redeagle purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Janet M. Ropes.



Judy Redeagle - December 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM

LF

“ Love the Fleischer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janet M. Ropes.



Love the Fleischer Family - December 07, 2025 at 01:45 PM

LS

“ My Aunt Janet...

She was one of a kind! Growing up spending summers on the farm, I was the youngest of the Ropes crew. Did I get picked on occasionally? Yes 😊 But I was also taken care of. She always made sure I was ok. “Jon make sure you put Laura on your back and swim her out to the rock with the rest of you!” “JP hold onto her on that thing! She’s tiny and could fly off!” “Nikki and Becky wait for Laura!” “David do NOT tell her to jump from that high!” Did they all roll their eyes? Probably 😂 But they also did it because they love me just like she did. They took care of me because she showed them how. Even when I visited a few months ago it was “David get Laura a chair she can sit right next to me. JP go get her a water.” □



She raised the best cousins, she loved my Uncle Dave unconditionally, she was an incredible sister-in-law to my mom and dad, she was an aunt I hope to be like and above all she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks for all those bowls of buttered noodles Aunt Janet. I love you. See you when I get up there.

Love, Lola



Laura Ropes Smith - December 07, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ V planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet M. Ropes.

V - December 07, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



December 07, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *With sincere condolences, Love Team RBD purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



With sincere condolences, Love Team RBD - December 06, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ *Vicki Stewart purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



Vicki Stewart - December 06, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Thomas W. Haynes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janet M. Ropes.*



Thomas W. Haynes - December 06, 2025 at 06:21 PM

ER

“ My grandma was always my biggest cheerleader through life, especially when it came to Nursing School. Every exam and quiz we would sit down and study together. At the start of every semester I would give her my schedule and she would have it memorized before I did! She would always be the first to know my exam grades as well. She was even the first person I went to after I passed my NCLEX. I’m so grateful my grandma was there to see and be apart of my many achievements in life. There is so much more I could say, but this memory in particular is one of the greatest! I couldn’t have become a nurse without her. Her love and dedication will always be cherished! - Love Elena



Elena Roumaya - December 06, 2025 at 05:09 PM

JR

“ Great memories fill our hearts. It’s tough to let those we love go however, knowing we will be reunited someday is the hope for tomorrow.



Jon Ropes - December 06, 2025 at 04:41 PM