



Janet I. Vondett

May 5, 1940 - August 10, 2025

Janet I. Vondett (nee' Kritsch), age 85, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her residence on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Born on May 5, 1940, in Hammond, Indiana, Janet was the beloved daughter of the late Ervin and Irene (nee' Stocker) Kritsch. From an early age, she developed a love of learning and teaching, which would become the foundation of her life's work. Janet began her career at St. Luke Lutheran Church & School in Clinton Township, Michigan, and later served as a substitute teacher for Utica Community Schools. Even after "retirement," she continued to share her knowledge, believing deeply in the value of education and helping others grow.

Music was one of Janet's greatest passions. She served for many years as organist, accompanist, and choir member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica where she was a member for many years. She was also a devoted traveler, an avid Detroit Tigers fan, and a loyal supporter of Michigan State University basketball. Above all, she cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

On July 3, 1965, Janet married the love of her life, James Edward Vondett, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hammond, Indiana. They shared 58 beautiful years of marriage until James' passing in 2023.

Janet is survived by her children, David (Iole) Vondett, Kristy (Jonathan) Decker, and Robert (Fran) Vondett; her cherished grandchildren, Daniela (Johnny) Selinski, Jacob Vondett, Jackson Decker, Reagan Decker, Madelyn Vondett, and James Vondett; and her great-grandchildren, Olivia and Luca. She was the loving sister of Karen (the late Paul) Jacusis, Paul (Dorothy) Kritsch, Daniel (Marian) Kritsch, and Susan (Dale) Rosenberg, and is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and her son, Joel.

Janet's life was defined by faith, kindness, and service to others. Her legacy of love, music, and teaching will live on in the many lives she touched.

Family and friends will gather to celebrated Janet's life with a visitation on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 11am from Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke Utica with a visitation starting at 10am.

Janet will be buried next to her loving husband at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township, Michigan.

In memory of Janet donations to Trinity Lutheran Foundation 45160 Van Dyke Avenue, Utica, MI 48317 <https://www.trinityutica.com/give>

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate At Church

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Janet Vondett Funeral Service Livestream in memory of Janet I. Vondett*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 12, 2025 at 02:40 PM

DE

“ *Diane E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet I. Vondett.*

Diane E. - August 16, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet I. Vondett.*

August 13, 2025 at 04:42 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Janet I. Vondett.*



August 13, 2025 at 04:42 AM

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“ *The Aguilar Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet I. Vondett.*



The Aguilar Family - August 12, 2025 at 08:54 AM

YF

“ *Your Oppenheimer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet I. Vondett.*

Your Oppenheimer Family - August 11, 2025 at 10:19 AM

YF

“ *Your Oppenheimer Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Janet I. Vondett.*



Your Oppenheimer Family - August 11, 2025 at 10:19 AM

PF

“ *Paul Kritsch and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet I. Vondett.*



Paul Kritsch and family - August 10, 2025 at 09:27 PM