



Janette K Buckner

October 22, 1958 - October 8, 2020

It is with great sadness we announce that Janette Kay Buckner, 61 of Sterling Heights MI, passed away on October 8, 2020 after a long battle with cancer while surrounded with the love of her family and friends.

She was born October 22, 1958 in Ferndale Michigan to Jacqueline and William Hohnstreiter.

Janette is survived by loving husband, Michael Buckner.

She was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, sister in-law and friend to all. She dedicated many years of her life to helping others and in service to her faith and membership of the church. She was very much involved with her community, her helping hands have shown others her devotion to how much she cared and thought about the needs of others. She was a loving and compassionate person who loved to be silly. She enjoyed being outdoors, hiking, kayaking, picking up shells while walking on the beach. She loved doing crafts; I believe we have all done a project with her or received one made with love from her.

She will be sadly missed and be forever remembered for her beautiful smile, caring heart, loving embrace and unconditional love. Although our hearts are heavy, we will celebrate her life and find comfort that she is in heaven watching over us.

All are welcome for visitation to celebrate her life on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica MI 48317

Visitation will be at 1:30 pm for family and 2:00 pm for the public. Memorial will

take place at 3pm. We would like to ask for donations to be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Contributions - VE01FS 4100 John R Detroit, Michigan 48201 in lieu of flowers ~ <https://www.karmanos.org/karmanos-foundation/karmanos-foundation>

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Janette was a friend and coworker for many years at LDJ and later at AIM. She loved to laugh and make others laugh as well. Janette had such a positive outlook on life despite the challenges she faced. She was a caring and kind person. Her faith in God and his goodness never wavered. She will be missed.* ”

Denise Woods - October 11, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janette K Buckner.* ”



October 11, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Bone Royce - October 10, 2020 at 11:23 PM

MO

“ Today we are apart from Jeanette but this is not forever. If there were ever a person going to heaven; it is Jeanette. Her kind Spirit and the over flowing love shown to each person will never be forgotten. Janette made very person feel special. Janette was never one to complain and always had a smile on her face. You are a special angel getting loved by our almighty father. God makes us a promise of eternal life if we believe in him. You always showed how much love you have for God in the ways you treated other so lovingly. I am missing you sweet sweet beautiful Jeanette. I love you.



Monika - October 10, 2020 at 06:02 PM



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October 10, 2020 at 05:49 PM

MB

“ I haven't known Janette that long, but she touched my heart right away. She sat next to me in choir at St. Ephrem's and like others have said, she had a great sense of humor. When my Mom was sick and in the hospital, she asked about her every time I saw her. When my Mom was in choir with us, Janette wanted to sit by her "because Mom liked her better." Janette was so funny and kind. Then, when I met Mike, I could see why the two of them were together! They played off of each other. Janette, you are missed so much already. Thank you for touching my heart and I will see you again!

Mary Badeker - October 10, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MJ

“ Janette was that bright light in the room. She always had a smile on her face. A cheerful and positive attitude, without a doubt. I got the pleasure of meeting her and Mike when they bought their first Florida home. They bought a house that I had listed and we instantly became friends and Neighbors. Later we spent time driving and looking through neighborhoods for another house. It was always a fun adventure with Mike and Janette in the car. (His jokes and her comebacks!) Then we had a hurricane, IRMA! I had never seen Janette so panicked. So, when they decided to move back to Michigan it wasn't a big surprise. I knew how much they missed and needed their family. Now, I truly understand! I am a BETTER person for having met Mike and Janette. I know she is holding tight to her faith and we will see each other again "some sweet day."

Maureen Jestes - October 10, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janette K Buckner.*



October 10, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Nancy and Ed Blanchard purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Janette K Buckner.*



Nancy and Ed Blanchard - October 10, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Love, Paula and Mark Reynaud purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Janette K Buckner.*



Love, Paula and Mark Reynaud - October 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM

“*Janette and I met in the 7th grade at Lincoln Jr High School in Ferndale, Michigan. We were in several classes together and then again at Ferndale High.*

Janette was the clown and I was the serious one. We had so much fun together. Never a dull moment around her. Laughing and just being silly. Cruising Woodward was one of our pastimes. One time, she rolled the window down and taunted some boys in the car next to us hollering "School Boys, School Boys." What did they do? They threw EGGS in my car and of course she ducked and because I was driving, I couldn't and where do you think those eggs went flying? LOL, yep, all over me and the inside of my 66 Dodge Coronet 440!!!! I made her clean it all up. But we laughed so hard! We talked about it all the time.

Janette and I loved to go to craft shows. Our favorite was the Elf on the Shelf at Troy High. We went every year and every year I would walk out with a lot of stuff and she walked out with all her money. She loved to look, get ideas and it paid off later on. She became the most crafty person I knew. She taught me how to crochet, make pumpkin rolls, diamond painting, blankets, hard candy called Stained Glass and so much more. She did this all with a smile and lots of patience. She was a great teacher.

Later, she became a professional clown. Yes, to be a professional clown, you had to graduate. She had to do her makeup and give herself a clown name, which was Flutter. My girls and I went to her graduation ceremony. Janette was perfect! She loved to make the kids (and adults) laugh!

One time, I won two round trip tickets to anywhere in the United States. I asked her to go with me and told her to choose the place. We went to Sanibel Island. Janette booked the room, made an Itinerary and off we went. The town was not far away, so we rented bikes. The guy that rented them to us told us to be back before dusk. We just looked at each other and said, sure, no problem. Here

we are, having the time of our life, eating at this fancy restaurant, having drinks, stopping at all the shops and what do you think happened? Yep, it was dusk. And boy does it get dark fast. It never dawned on us that there were no street lights. We rode back in the dark on those bikes with her in the front laughing and praying we didn't ride into anything or get lost. After that, we stuck to the beach collecting shells and sand dollars. We even brought home the sand!

Then, Janette fell in love with Mike. I wanted her to be happy in life with her soulmate. She was a beautiful bride and loved being married to you, Mike. You made her happy and shared your wonderful family with her. She always felt loved and because you took care of my dearest friend, loved her unconditionally and gave her the life she desired, I want to say thank you both for sharing your lives with me and my family.

I have so many wonderful memories with Janette. I always called her Lucy and she called me Ethel. It was perfect because she was the clown. I will miss my bestie everyday. I love you Janette.

Paula Reynaud



Paula Reynaud - October 09, 2020 at 10:04 PM

KC

“ We must go back to atleast 1st grade ,I have been very blessed to have had a friend for over 60 yrs and still laugh at the crazy things we did.the long phone calls ,so much support from us to each other .growing up with her as a dear friend was amazing and fun.one time we found a shopping cart at harding park and we pushed each other around the neighborhood .laughing ,joking nothing but fun and her heart was big and cared for everyone .my condolences to her family and Mike and his family .I will never have a friend who been there all my life who opened her heart and listened and truly loved .our birthday is coming up and I'll miss your call and miss our laughs and most of all I'll miss her .when I think of her I know she be near laughing in my ear .and telling me you cut my sandles strap and girl I loved your mom liver and onions .rest in peace and give all in heaven a hug .my love goes out to you all ,she was the best friend ever and a day .

Kathy Russell cochran - October 09, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JH

Thanks Kathy

James Hohnstreiter - October 10, 2020 at 03:47 AM

NB

Janette and I have know each other since Diapers. I don't remember much about that time. We did go to Harding Elementary School together until 3rd grade, when we moved. We still kepted in touch. We would ride our bikes back and forth to each others home. I did live across the street from her on Inman, in Ferndale. We use to fight over a boy we both liked. His name was Danny Slater, and to this day she was always looking for him on Facebook. The Slaters, Nickles, and Hornstreiter would hang out together. My brother hung out with Raymond, her brother. Janette and I lost touch for a little while after I moved to Florida, but she found me on Facebook and it was like we never missed a day. It was nice when she lived in Fort Myers, so I could go visit, even if she was sick back than. Mike was a joker and we had a lot of laughs. I am going to miss my bestfriend(sister). It gives me comfort to know she is not suffering anymore. Rest in Peace Janette. We love you

Nancy Blanchard - October 10, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Janette K Buckner.



October 09, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janette K Buckner.



October 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM

HE

“ We met through Home Instead Senior Care. We were both Caregivers and then Janette became our Bookkeeper and then later I worked in the office also. My first memory? That curly reddish blond hair and her quirky smile. We shared a client and I know she sometimes got lost going to a client's home for the first time. She made fun of my car and called my little dog "Pork Chop". She loved our senior client's stories, We drove each other nuts and we laughed about it. In the office, she had her systems and I called her "JB". When we had Caregiver Training Sessions, we would shop for their "take home" gifts and decorations, assist with the office staff for the food prep and set up. Janette was very particular about how the food was presented. The strawberries had to be sliced and fanned out properly. It was time consuming but beautiful. I called her the "church lady" for that. Janette taught my grand daughters how to make 3d snowflakes and gave them a big box of craft supplies. When Janette and Mike planned their move to Florida - we went out for an evening of wine tasting and snacks. We stayed in touch when she was in Florida and when she was originally diagnosed. Everyone in the office was concerned about her, but things got sorted out and with follow up, she bounced back. We all enjoyed seeing her Florida outings on Facebook. I think Janette is an adventurer at heart. And then they were moving back to Michigan and she was sending me housing info to check out. And they bought the cutest house just a mile away. So of course, on my way to a softball game as I cut through her sub, I stopped for a quick visit. Janette came into the Home Instead Office on several of occasions for Caregiver Events or Open Houses. I attended her sign making party and saw both Mike & Janette for more wine tasting. I am sorry this is long. Janette loved people, nature, her crafts, decorating and animals. She had a good time and worked hard at staying well, until she couldn't. Janette had a strong faith and I know she is at rest. But I will miss her.

Heidi - October 09, 2020 at 10:03 AM