



Janet Lee Zilles

March 23, 1961 - March 27, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our youngest sister, Janet Zilles, age 60. She fought a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Janet was born on April 23rd, 1961, in Green Bay Wisconsin to Aloysius and Ermalee Zilles. She graduated from Preble High School and UW Eau Claire. She received her master's degree in Education from Marian College.

Janet was a kind, generous and compassionate elementary school teacher with a wonderful sense of humor. She was passionate about providing the best education possible for her students by helping them to meet their full potential. She began her teaching career in Bonduel, WI. In 2005 Janet moved to Florida and taught at Browning-Pierce Elementary School in Palatka. She retired in December of 2020.

Janet spent her summers back in Wisconsin with family and friends, but was always happy to return to the beach, the blue skies and sunshine.

Janet is survived by her very special niece, Ashley Smith and Ashley's family, Andy, Hailey, Brooklyn, Palmer, Parker, and Peyton. She is also survived by her siblings; John Zilles (Melanie), Judy Giesler, Jo Houston (John) and Jane Zilles, nieces and nephews John, Peter, Renee, Natalie, and Margie.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, her fur babies; Bacardi and Ginny, her brother-in-law Ed Giesler and nephew Brian Houston.

The family wishes to thank the Community Hospice and the Bailey Family Center for Caring for all their compassion and assistance.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of Janet's favorite charities:

Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol
PO Box 50723
Jacksonville Beach, Fl. 32240-0723

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FS

“ *burn in hell forever mean whore*

former student - May 12, 2024 at 05:52 PM

AS

“ *Although I only met Janet in person a few times, she has and forever will touch my life in the most amazing way. She is the biggest influence in my wife's life, and the main reason Ashley is such an incredible wife, mother, human. I will dearly miss Janet and the joy she brought into our lives.*

Andy Smith - March 28, 2022 at 07:14 PM

TP

“ *Janet was a wonderful person. She was a loving, caring and passionate teacher. She absolutely loved her students, each and every one of them. She tried to help them with the utmost respect. She would do so in such a manner of good taste. Very humble. I used to call her my Ms cheese when she came to Browning Pearce. We had several talks about the cold and snow and how lucky we were in Florida and didn't miss the north. However, Janet's family were dear to her beyond words. She was so happy when she retired to spend more time with them. I loved her dearly.*

Tracy Piscitello - March 28, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *If ever in a lifetime you meet someone like Janet..your life improved. She brought something special. Bentley and I will miss you Janet.*

Cheryl Callaway-Metzger - March 28, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *If ever in a lifetime you meet someone like Janet..your life improved.
She brought something special. Bentey and I will miss you Janet.*

Cheryl Callaway-Metzger - March 28, 2022 at 05:20 PM