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Lakeview - Janet Katherine Nielsen, age 62, of Blanchard, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at her home. Janet was born on April 22, 1956 in Saginaw, the daughter of Walter Albert and Audrey Blanche (Stall) Hall. She was raised in the Morley area and graduated from Morley High School class of 1974.

Janet married her high school sweetheart Todd Nielsen, who she first met on Main Street in Lakeview at the tender ages of fifteen and sixteen. They have been together over forty years. Besides living in Blanchard and Lakeview, Janet and Todd also lived in Iowa for fifteen years.

Janet was really good at taking care of everyone else. She loved her family deeply and was a devoted mother and grandmother. She also loved wildlife, photography, drawing, and carving. Janet was an artist with a green thumb.

Janet is survived in death by her companion Todd Nielsen of Blanchard; her four children Julie (Steven) Snyder of Six Lakes, Eva (Brett) Spedoske-Campbell of Shepherd, Jared Nielsen of Stanton, and Alex (Meggan) Ballard-Nielsen of Blanchard; ten grandchildren Bailey, Robert, Carlee, Laila, Jack, Laine, Henry, Spencer, Gracie, and Brody; her father Walter Hall; three siblings Dale Near, Sandy Edgerly of Morley, and Kenneth "Kenny" Near of Howard City; several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Janet was preceded in death by her mother Audrey Hall; one son-in-law Robert A. Spedoske; three brothers Jerry Near, Mark and Jim "Buzz" Hall; one brother-in-law Jay Edgerly; and one sister-in-law Betty Near.

A celebration of Janet's life will be Monday, April 22, 2019 from 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview, MI. A banquet will be open to all through the entire event. Those wishing to contribute in Janet's memory are asked to consider St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



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Condolences to the family may be made utilizing the guestbook at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com.



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AN

Alex Nielsen posted:

Still miss the peaceful drive my mother had towards life.. Been a long time since I have heard her words of encouragement to persue a life that makes me happy. Really miss the chain she seemed to wrap around our family to keep us all together. So many things I wish I could share that I can only hope see seen from heaven.

May 8 at 8:00 PM

JA

Jana posted:

Todd am so sorry for your loss Janet was a very nice caring lady please take care of yourself
Jana L Halstead

April 21 at 8:00 PM

RF

Regan Fader posted:

Todd, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I only knew Janet a teeny bit... but I could tell she was a giver and a do-er, a bright light in your lives. Thinking of you, and sending comforting wishes your way.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

CH

Carolyn Hansen posted:

Todd-Jared-Vera and Families- I am so sorry to see Janet has passed away. I will be thinking of you all at this sad time.Carolyn Hansen

April 18 at 8:00 PM

AN

Andrea Nielsen posted:

I agree with my sister, Janet took very good care of her family. She helped develop a treasure trove of wonderful memories for her children and grandchildren. She has been a great help to my brother for the last couple of years in his own challenge. And, yes, she was a very creative individual with many interest, excelling in many. I pray our Holy Spirit's presence is a felt support of comfort for Todd, the kids and grandchildren bringing peace to their hearts.

April 18 at 8:00 PM



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GR

Gretchen Robinson posted:

I loved that she spelled our names when making pancakes at childhood sleepovers! Deepest sympathies.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

TR

Toni Rae posted:

I will always remember Janet laughing. She was a wonderful mother and loved her kids so much. I have many memories of her taking pictures or videos of her kids and their many shenanigans and laughing as she recorded the moment. She is one of the most creative and talented people I know. Her presence will surely be missed. Love to my Brother Todd and kids: Julie, Eva, Jared, Alex and their spouses and children.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

CV

Cheryl (Beemer) Vansyckle posted:

She always had amazing smile! Prayers for Janet's family!

April 17 at 8:00 PM

GL

Ginger Laforge posted:

We did many fun things together as teenagers with Todd and Janet. She sure did like her camera and had thousands of great photos through the years. Our family won't be the same without her. To Todd and kids my love, hugs and prayers are with all of you .

April 17 at 8:00 PM

AO

Ann Olson posted:

We were best friends back in school. We rode the same bus. We contrived to tell all the other kids we were cousins, just for fun. We would giggle every time we told someone that. So sure they believed us! She was true blue. Sweet, funny, and kind. Everything I want to be!

April 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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