



Janice Faye Freeman

October 12, 1947 - April 12, 2021

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EMPIRE – Janice Faye Freeman, age 73, of Empire, MI, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021.

Janice was born in Dixon, KY on October 12, 1947 to Everett and Yvetta (Young) Carnal. She grew up mainly in Poole, KY. She graduated from Henderson County High School in 1965.

Janice moved to Flint, Michigan, after marrying her husband, William Freeman, on November 23, 1968. Janice and Bill met while attending Murray State University where Janice earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Janice was employed as a Registered Medical Technologist at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint for 35 years.

Janice and Bill vacationed on Glen Lake with their children for many years before moving to the area full time in 2004 after her retirement. She was an active member and former president of the Glen Lake Woman's Club. She served as the chairperson for the club's scholarship program for Glen Lake High School students wishing to attend Northwestern Michigan College. Janice was also on the board and an active member of Friends of Glen Lake Community Library as well as a Docent at the Empire Area Heritage Museum. Janice enjoyed playing golf in the Dunes Golf Club women's golf league, tending to her many flower gardens, spoiling her and Bill's dog Zoey, spending time with her beloved grandchildren, and she was never without a book in her hand.

Janice is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 52 years, William; children, Michael (Aimee Brown) Freeman of West Bloomfield, Kristin (Brian) Leach of Lake Ann; grandchildren, Charles, Madeline, and Elizabeth Freeman and numerous extended family members across the United States. She was preceded in death by her parents and

brother.

A memorial service honoring her life will be held at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 11am.

Please visit <http://www.rjfh.tv> to watch a live stream of Janice's service.

Janice will be laid to rest at Maple Grove Cemetery in Empire.

Memorial contributions in Janice's memory may be directed to: Glen Lake Woman's Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 564, Glen Arbor, MI 49636, Glen Lake Community Library, 101 15 W Front Street, Empire, MI 49630, or Empire Area Museum, 11544 Lacore Road, Empire, MI 49630.

Please share a memory with Janice's family by visiting her tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services is serving the family.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Janice Faye Freeman. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website

Send Flowers - May 11, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ Glen Lake Schools Family purchased Thoughts and Prayers for the family of Janice Faye Freeman.



Send Flowers - June 01, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Behler-Young Family purchased beautiful flowers for the family of Janice Faye Freeman.

Send Flowers - May 29, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ I thought of Janice not only as my cousin through her marriage to Bill, but a dear friend. She was so good about staying in distant touch, letting me know how the Freeman's were doing. When Mike and Aimee lived in the Chicago area, she always made sure to connect with me and would include me in their holiday get togethers. She was always connecting people and making sure they were included. I will forever miss our back and forth emails. Such a good and caring soul. The tears are still with me.

To Bill and family my thoughts and prayers are always with you. Please know how much you mean to your distant family.

Chris (Wender) Neill

Christine Neill - May 28, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Mary Lou Beauchamp lit a candle in memory of Janice Faye Freeman



Mary Lou Beauchamp - May 16, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ I really admired Janice. She was great to play golf with. She was always so put together early morning on golf days.

Mary Lou Beauchamp - May 19, 2021 at 12:28 PM



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Aimee Brown - May 07, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Thank you for the many years of treating me as your own, even in those teenage years when we were not necessarily the most grateful or easy-to-love girls! I'll never forget the many trips up north. Nor will I forget the MANY times you took off work and drove us to our tennis matches to save us from the unfortunate experience of having to ride in the bed of our coach's pick-up truck. What a lifesaver you and your minivan were! Thank you for making us a priority, and thank you many times over for parenting and nurturing one of my very best friends to be the person she is today. Your legacy lives on!

Errin - May 06, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ I can remember when Michael was in my class at Anderson. It was always such a pleasure when you would come to the school. Such a great role model and wonderful Mom! During Canusa she was always so helpful, so easy-going and always focused on all the world's good! I loved being one of her many friends.

Wendy Ross - May 04, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ Remembering Janice. I thought about all the things she did for our Dune's Ladies Golf League. She was always cheerful even when she had to change the cards around at the last minute. I admired the way she always looked so put together for our morning golf league. She will be forever missed.

Mary Lou Beauchamp - May 16, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ My family loved your parents so much. We thank you for always loving us, for the cookies, and the cherries. You and Mr. Freeman were the best neighbors. We We are praying for your family and you ha e my deepest condolences!

Matrisha Johnson - May 04, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ Janice and Bill were one of my favorite couples to wait on while working at Art's Tavern in Glen Arbor! I knew right away to bring them a diet coke before they even sat down!! She will be SO missed in the town of Glen Arbor! Prayers to Bill and the entire family! Margaret Michael

Margaret Michael - May 04, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ Janice loved living in the Glen Arbor area. She often spoke of her work with the 3 community organizations. She was very passionate about her involvement with each one. I have many, fond memories of Janice going back 52 years. I am grateful for our friendship. Sending love and prayers to Bill and his family.

Mary - May 07, 2021 at 08:35 PM