



Jennifer "Jenny" Suzanne Payne

June 11, 1969 - May 25, 2014

A beautiful shining light, JENNIFER SUZANNE PAYNE, age 44, quietly left this world on Sunday, May 25, 2014 at her mother's home near East Bay in Traverse City, Michigan. Born in Detroit, Michigan on June 11, 1969, Jenny moved to Traverse City with her family in 1973 when she was four years old. She attended St. Francis Grade School, Pathfinder School and transferred to Traverse City High School graduating with honors in 1988 and was the recipient of a scholarship to Wake Forest University. An excellent student and athlete, Jenny was a member of the Traverse City High School Track Team and set the record for the 3200 meter in 1988. She attended Wake Forest University and then moved to Los Angeles and then to Seattle where she became a massage therapist. She then studied at the Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine (SIOM) where she obtained a masters degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. She moved back to Traverse City in 2005 to be closer to her family and established her own business, Pathways Acupuncture. Jennifer had great compassion and love for her family, extended family and countless friends, and acquaintances. She especially loved children and animals. She rescued her constant companion, "Pearl", a puppy she found with her dad in East Glacier National Park in 2005. An amazing friend and healer, Jenny always had time to listen with compassion, non-judgment and love. She wanted to help those in need and found her love for acupuncture and alternative medicine very fulfilling. Her inner beauty and inspiring presence touched all those who were fortunate enough to know her. Jenny was an incredible blessing and gift. She was bright, courageous, hard working and determined. She was also fun-loving and always up for an adventure. She possessed a depth and awareness that few people ever attain. The void she leaves in our lives and in our hearts can never be filled, but her beautiful smile and loving spirit, and the many wonderful memories she has given us will live forever in our hearts.

Jennifer is survived by her loving parents: Priscilla McIntyre Payne, and Jay and Holly Payne of Traverse City; her sister, Christine Payne Mattern, and children Madeline and Edward Jay Vander Velde and Lillian Mattern of Williamsburg; her brothers, Gregory J. Payne (Amy) and children, Emma and Elliot Payne of Longmont, Colorado; and Jonathan M. Payne of Cedar. She is also survived by her step-sisters, Amy Bonini (Vasco) and sons, Stewart and Simon of Florida; and Wendy Schaub (Adam) and daughter, Scarlett of

Traverse City. Also surviving are her uncles and aunts Thomas G. McIntyre (Sheila) of Traverse City; William D. McIntyre (Susan) of Monroe, Michigan; and David Fix of Royal Oak. She has many wonderful and loving cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Johanne Marie Payne; her maternal grandparents, Wm. D. and Prudence McIntyre; her fraternal grandparents, Marvin Payne and Winifred Payne Kurtz; and aunts, Jan McIntyre Linsenmeyer, Sharon McIntyre Malone and Jan Payne Fix.

Friends are welcome to visit with Jennifer's family on Monday, June 9, 2014 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8:00 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City. A private family service is being planned. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial donations to Munson Medical Center – Center 1. Jennifer's family would like to thank all those who were such a help and support to her throughout her journey. You have given much and we are deeply grateful. Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Jennifer's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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JUN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Comments



“ I loved her, and I love her. When I'm sad she comes to me, with a thousand smiles she gives to me free.

Cory McDowall - December 28, 2014 at 02:39 AM



“ Jennifer was one of my classmates and someone I traded treatments with after graduation. I was always impressed by her integrity, her commitment to living with beauty and grace as well as inspiring it in others, and her great sense of humor and honesty. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and local community; and she will live on in my heart and as an inspiration to, as she did, always put love first.

Pamela Alt - June 13, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ Jennifer was truly a compassionate spirit that I will sorely miss. Her time at SIOM was an inspiration to me as a teacher because she worked so hard to understand the medicine and to take care of her patients. She had the courage to face her own doubts and continue to work through them to be a practitioner with deep compassion for those she cared for. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. It was an honor having the opportunity to know her.

Sincerely,

Paul Karsten
President
Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine

Paul Karsten - June 12, 2014 at 01:08 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Payne family. Jennifer was a classmate of mine for three years at the Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine. She was always a bright light, kind, caring, considerate. The world has lost a dear soul, but heaven is that much brighter.



Matthew P. Sieradski - June 12, 2014 at 12:21 PM



“ First of all I want to send my condolences to the Payne family. I met Jennifer years ago when she had her practice off of Garfield. I actually did some work for her there and helped her with whatever else she need. From what I knew of her she was always smiling when I saw her and seemed to have a very happy and busy life. The time I did spend with her was meaningful and pleasant. I will miss her very much and wish that I could of seen her and spend more time with her. She will always be loved and have a place in my heart and thoughts. Love always Jen, gabe

elogius"gabe"flores - June 11, 2014 at 09:29 PM



“ I first met Jenny when she was in one of my classes when I first started teaching at Traverse City Senior High. She was a rare talent, academically and athletically. Our paths crossed only a few times since but she had a knack for making a person feel important and valued.
Christine Kurtz

Christine Kurtz - June 10, 2014 at 09:34 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jenny's passing. She was a great healer and made a significant difference in my quality of life. She was always so kind and caring. I will miss her and her healing hands.

Lisa Perkins - June 10, 2014 at 08:53 AM



“ Jenny will always be in my memory and my heart. I was always impressed by her beauty and humbleness. I'm eternally grateful because her care sped up my recovery from a serious injury: she came to my home many times in the middle of the winter and patiently applied her magic needles that healed my body. Her wonderful presence will be missed and she carried away with her a bite of all of us, the patients she benefited with her skills, knowledge, kindness and dedication.
Raphael Coiman, CSA

Raphael Coiman - June 09, 2014 at 09:35 PM



“ Jennifer was truly a kind person always working quietly in the background trying to help those in need however she could. I am deeply saddened by the loss of this beautiful person and good friend. Her surprise calls to go grab a quick breakfast and chat about the news of the day and what's happening in her life will be impossible to replace. We will miss you.

Gary Hughey - June 09, 2014 at 12:44 PM



“ Trish Schulte lit a candle in memory of Jennifer "Jenny" Suzanne Payne



Trish Schulte - June 09, 2014 at 08:57 AM



“ Jennifer was a beautiful person. I had never had acupuncture before. She made me feel relaxed and peaceful, so the sessions were wonderful experiences. She was so lovely and I am very sorry to know that she is gone.

Marvine Stamatakis

marvine - June 08, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ I have fond memories of weekly visits, many years ago, to the home of Jenny and Christine. I was their piano teacher. What a pleasure it was to work with these talented young ladies. They were always prepared for their lessons and eager to learn. I encountered Jenny several times after she graduated high school and enjoyed learning about her latest accomplishments. My most recent encounter was just a few months prior to her death. She was such a sweet person, so her passing truly brings great sadness. I'm sure all who knew her would agree that we were blessed to know her.

Tad Minor - June 08, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ Jennifer was a kindred spirit to all those around her, and an old soul beyond her years. She was a beautiful person inside and out; she helped bring healing to many, including myself, through her skills and compassion for others. Jennifer will always be remembered in my heart. My sincere condolences to the family. God bless.

Cheryl Dinger - June 01, 2014 at 06:39 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss of Dear Jenny. Her smile and genuine kind and tender heart will be missed by all of us.

The Hoggs

Ed, Cindy, Jeff and Ben

cindy hogg - June 07, 2014 at 11:10 AM