



## Janet Lea Shanahan

June 12, 1953 - April 24, 2016

Janet Lea Shanahan, 62, of Grand Island died on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at her home.

Celebration of life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Father Jonathan Sorensen will officiate. To honor Janet's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Janet was born June 12, 1953 at Clovis, NM, to John and Margaret (Zulkoski) Augustyn. She grew up in Elba and Farwell, graduating from St. Paul High School, Class of 1971. She then graduated from Kearney State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

She was united in marriage to John R. Shanahan on December 27, 1975 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. The couple made their home in Kearney where Janet was employed as a dispatcher for the Kearney Police Department. They relocated to Grand Island in 1989. Janet was a social worker for the Department of Health and Human Services until she retired.

Janet was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, served on the Board of Directors of Child Saving Institute; was co-founder of KAAA – Kearney Area Adoption Agency; and was a past president of Gates Elementary PTA.

She loved children, and enjoyed the family gatherings and the children that were there. She also loved decorating her home and crafting. Her family will remember her love of journaling, her amazing cooking and her love of flowers. Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, John; her children, Matthew Shanahan of Lincoln and Maggie Shanahan of Grand Island; mother,

Margaret Stefanowicz of Farwell; brother Frank (Natalie) Stefanowicz of Grand Island; brothers-in-law, Bill (Carol) Shanahan of NC and Robert (Paula) Shanahan of GA; nieces and nephew, Rylie, Megan and Nathan; and her two four-legged friends, Buddy and Jack.

Janet was preceded in death by her father, John Augustyn; step-father, Gilbert Stefanowicz; brother, Jerry Augustyn; sister, Mary Augustyn; paternal grandparents, Charles and Johanna Augustyn; maternal grandparents, Frank and Matilda Zulkoski; step-grandparents, Anton and Emma Stefanowicz; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Pat and Elaine Shanahan.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Janet Lea Shanahan*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I worked for DHHS during some of the time Jan worked there. She was always so calm and giving. My deepest sympathy to the family. She will be remembered by many people whose lives she touched.*  
*June Oliphant*

**June Oliphant** - April 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to John, Matthew, Maggie, & Margaret and the rest of Janet's family. My sister & I used to play with Janet & her sister Mary in Scotia when we would stay with our Aunt Helen May. Have great memories of those fun times and also as a fellow St. Paul High School graduate. My sons and I got to know John at GISH in the 90's. Janet was a sweetheart and will be missed by all who knew her. God be with each of her family members as they bear this loss. Our sincerest sympathy, Craig & Sue (Kosmicki) Foss. Grand Island, NE*

**Craig & Sue (Kosmicki) Foss** - April 28, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *Jan was one of my best friends in high school and we had reconnected this winter. We were looking forward to spending time together when she felt better but God had a better plan..I know she is at peace in paradise. She was an angel on earth and now has her wings in heaven.*

**Pat Epp** - April 28, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Matt Anderson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janet Lea Shanahan.*



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**Matt Anderson and Family** - April 27, 2016 at 02:38 PM

HM

“ *I worked with Jan in the '70s. We were both Communications Operators for the City of Kearney Communications Department. She was a great gal and I enjoyed working with her.*

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**Howard Maxon** - April 27, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Lea Shanahan.*



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April 26, 2016 at 02:42 PM

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“ *Rick McGachey lit a candle in memory of Janet Lea Shanahan*



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**Rick McGachey** - April 26, 2016 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Janet is family, is loved and will be missed. Rick McGachey*

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**Rick McGachey** - April 26, 2016 at 01:51 PM