



Mrs. Janet Eastman

September 30, 1946 - August 1, 2015

After a protracted battle with cancer, Janet Irene Eastman (Jan) died, on August 1, 2015, in Fort Gratiot, MI. She leaves behind her husband of 47 years, John F. Eastman, and sons John B (Shauna) and Jeffrey R (Erin) Eastman and four grandchildren, Charlotte, Benjamin, Ava, and Isaac. In addition to her own children, she cherished her relationship with her unofficially adopted son, Damon Amey (Melissa) and their children Brett and Chad.

Janet was born September 30, 1946 in Mount Pleasant, MI to Don D. and Josephine J. Ritchie. In college she excelled in the social studies, and won the Development Fund Fellowship to pursue a Master of Arts Degree in History at Central Michigan University. She graduated summa cum Laude from Central Michigan University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree then in 1972 with a Master of Arts Degree in History. Janet was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma which promotes the growth and professional development of women educators.

Janet married John F. Eastman on June 14, 1969 in Port Huron, MI. She was employed by the Port Huron Area School District for 41 years. She was also a Student Activities advisor at Port Huron Northern High School for many years. Janet was a driven professional with a love of reading and international travel. She was also a devoted mother and grandmother. After being diagnosed with cancer, she remained a brave, strong-willed woman even throughout her final days.

Janet is survived by her husband, children, and their families, as well as her sister-in-law, Myrna Eastman, Kodak, TN, her brother-in-law, Kenneth Eastman, Port Huron, MI, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents.

The family would especially like to thank Karen Jamison, Lisa Schleicher, Ray Labelle and others for their steadfast friendship throughout her illness. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Port Huron Northern High School Quiz Bowl Team or the Visiting Nurses Association of St. Clair County.

Memorial Visitation will be Thursday, August 6, 2015, from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm at Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

To view obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

BR

“ I saw this in the Times Herald and have to send my thoughts. Jan and my sister, Virginia Schoenberg, were very good friends attending CMU and even after for many years. I met Jan many times and even after my sisters death in 1988 she still kept in contact with my mother Irene. My mom really enjoyed hearing what Jan's family had done the past year. So my condolences to her family, I'm just glad I knew Jan. I also lost my mom Irene last November. God bless...

Brian - August 06, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janet Eastman.



August 06, 2015 at 11:53 AM

LN

“ Mrs. Eastman I will miss you so much especially in Boot Camp at the Blue Water YMCA. God Bless You in Heaven Jan. Lurlene Nichols YMCA

Lurlene Nichols - August 06, 2015 at 08:36 AM

JB

“ Two years ago I started teaching at Northern. The first Friday I was inducted into the "Friday Breakfast Club". Jan welcomed me to the group and community. We spent nearly every week together the past two years with food and movies. A Friday breakfast, game night and movie night will never be the same. I'm in awe at all you had accomplished and everyone you have touched through your teaching. I will forever remember your laugh, smile and incredible wealth of knowledge. I'm forever in your debt for your wisdom and forever grateful for your friendship. Peace and relief now, my friend. Love always...

Jerrod Black - August 05, 2015 at 11:39 PM

AS

“ Dear John,

I just saw the obituary in the paper this evening. I am so very sorry for your loss. Losing a parent is not an easy event to go through, and you are in my thoughts and prayers.



I remember when we were seniors in high school and I think your Mom and Mr. Labelle were our advisers. I always liked your Mom. She was friendly and nice and always had a big smile for everyone.

I'm sure it was sometimes challenging having your Mom teaching in the same high school where you were a student, but what a blessing to get to spend so much time with her back then.

Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

All my sincerest condolences,

Annie Schultz

P.S., I think I saw you at Meier yesterday. You were with your wife and son in the bakery, and I didn't want to bother you. I wish I had said hello.

Annie Schultz - August 05, 2015 at 10:17 PM

PM

“ Wonderful teacher. Sending prayer and condolences to Mrs. Eastman's family.



Patty Mix - August 05, 2015 at 10:05 PM

TS

“ I was fortunate to teach World History with Jan for 1 year. She was extremely creative and always willing to share with others. Thank-you Jan and thank-you to her family for sharing her with the rest of us.

Tim Schumaker and Family

timothy schumaker - August 05, 2015 at 06:56 PM

MB

“ Jan's smile will always be remembered. She was a wonderful person who shared her love of life with us all!

Our condolences to her family that she loved dearly.

Ed and Myra Brennan

Myra Brennan - August 05, 2015 at 08:55 AM

PN

“ Pam Naplin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman



pam naplin - August 05, 2015 at 07:48 AM

L(

“ Thought and prayers to Erin and Jeff (and the entire family).



Lisa (Bartlett) - August 05, 2015 at 07:22 AM

MF

“ *Sending love to the whole family.*

Maryann Foxlee - August 05, 2015 at 06:46 AM

LW

“ *Lynn Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman*



lynn Wilhelm - August 05, 2015 at 05:43 AM

LM

“ *Janet and I met as young mothers when our sons were at First Baptist Nursery School. She was a sweet, friendly and funny girl then, and she carried those characteristics with her throughout her personal and professional life. I can still see her laughing. She did that often. I was lucky to have known her. Linda Manuilow*

Linda Manuilow - August 04, 2015 at 11:54 PM

JG

“ *May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you have as a family!*

Jackie Guske

Jackie Guske - August 04, 2015 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ When I was the custodian in Jan`s grade center at PHN. I cleaned her classroom and the Student Council offices. Jan would be in her office working on the next project the Student Council would be planning.
She would take time out to visit with me. By the time I would have to move on , we were both caught up on the latest news, and would have gotten some of the stress levels down . I have many great memories because of Jan. R.I.P. my Northern friend.

Merlene Crawford - August 04, 2015 at 07:35 PM

MB

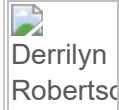
“ She was a lovely person that I had for a class advisor in highschool(class of 85) but was lucky to get to know her better later in life. I always looked forward to seeing her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family tonight as they struggle with their grief.

Maureen Butler - August 04, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Uncle John,
It's nice to read other people's memories of Aunt Jan. She truly touched a lot of lives and hearts. She was always nice to me and easy to talk to. I have fond memories of spending many Christmases together, and she was so good at keeping in touch after I moved away! I always enjoyed getting her Christmas newsletters, and I saved every one of them! Lots of love to you, and my cousins John and Jeff!
Love, Ron

Ron Green - August 04, 2015 at 06:11 PM



Derrilyn
Robertson

*Hi Ron,
I'm a cousin to Jan. I have some family photos her sons might enjoy.
Please contact me if desired.
Sorry for your loss.
Derrilyn Williams Robertson*

Derrilyn Robertson - December 09, 2015 at 10:24 AM

SM

*“ As I attended numerous ceremonies throughout the five Manuilow children's school experience.....when Jan spoke, the amazing connection she had with students became very apparent. Her actions, her words, her convictions will stay with them for a lifetime. Through my eyes and heart, there is no greater reward than positively influencing the life of child. Is there a greater legacy...I think not.
So sincerely and affectionately,
Sue Manuilow*

Sue Manuilow - August 04, 2015 at 05:54 PM

LC

*“ Jan was an inspiration to all who knew her.
My heart goes out to you John, my dear friend.*



linda Conley - August 04, 2015 at 04:43 PM

L(

“ Lisa (Bartlett) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman



Lisa (Bartlett) - August 04, 2015 at 04:23 PM

KT

“ *Kathleen Trongo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman*



Kathleen Trongo - August 04, 2015 at 01:53 PM

KT

*John,
I am so sorry for your loss. I just wanted you to know I was thinking of you at this time. Jan was a very special teacher and very much loved by the staff and students of the Port Huron Schools. You take care,
Kathie Trongo*

Kathleen Trongo - August 04, 2015 at 01:55 PM

SR

“ *She was such a wonderful person. I enjoyed many conversations and laughs with her at PHN and at game nights. She will be greatly missed.*

Stephanie Rosado - August 04, 2015 at 10:16 AM

D(

“ *R. I. P. Mrs. Eastman. We had so much fun in A. History class in 1994. I will cherish all the memories I have of you. Thank you for being such a great lady. You will be missed dearly. Prayers to the family during this difficult time.*

Deborah Diller (Boshaw) - August 04, 2015 at 09:19 AM

SW

“ John, you have my condolences in the passing of your wife and you and your family are in my prays. God will take of you. Sandy Woodyard

Sandra Woodyard - August 04, 2015 at 09:16 AM

CM

“ Wonderful lady, she willbe missed. RIP. Prayers to her friends and family, and for an eternity of painless pleasure.



Chelle Matthews - August 04, 2015 at 12:54 AM

BM

“ Bonnie Mitchener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman



Bonnie Mitchener - August 03, 2015 at 11:45 PM



“ She was my American History teacher at PH Central HS. My condolences to her family.



Tammy Duda - August 03, 2015 at 11:35 PM

LM

“ *Lee Anne (Carpenter) Mckelvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman*



Lee Anne (Carpenter) Mckelvey - August 03, 2015 at 10:47 PM

 Lisa Conger

“ *Lisa Conger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman*



Lisa Conger - August 03, 2015 at 09:47 PM

MH

“ *Marlene Holzberger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Eastman*

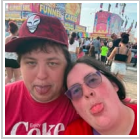


marlene holzberger - August 03, 2015 at 08:26 PM

TS

“ *Such fond memories of Mrs Eastman at PHN ... She was never my teacher but I spent every morning before school for almost three years with her and Mr LaBelle. A sweet soul.... And her smile, always made me smile. We had a lot Of laughs, some tears, and great memories, especially of our Europe trip... Phantom of the Opera in London, and almost getting mugged on the way there... The table cloths of Montecatini, and Antonio, our guide in Rome....Sincere and deepest condolences to the entire family. RIP beautiful soul ❤️*

Trish Campbell Sikand - August 03, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Mrs. Eastman was a great teacher.*



Jenna Uresti - August 03, 2015 at 06:37 PM

EH

“ *John,*

Sending love and hugs from Texas for your family for your loss. We are thinking of you during this time and praying that God hold you in his hands and gives you comfort.

With Love,

*The Halls,
Michael, Emily, Zechariah, Xander, & Blake
(Jason Campbell's little sister)*

emily hall - August 03, 2015 at 04:39 PM

MT

“ For over 35 years Jan and I both were morning work-out enthusiasts. It was a delight and privilege to be in the locker room with her early in the morning. We had wonderful conversations as we got ready for our day. I miss her so much.

Michele Theisen - August 03, 2015 at 04:11 PM

KB

“ Mrs. Eastman was my Quiz Bowl coach in high school. I always enjoyed the time spent with her at practice and meets! I will always remember her fondly. My condolences to her family at this time of loss.

Kate Ketchum Bredwell

Kate Ketchum Bredwell - August 03, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ I am so sorry. I have very wonderful memories of her serving as the reader for Quiz Bowl matches. She was an extraordinary reader and person, and will be missed.

Ellen Thomas

Ellen Thomas - August 03, 2015 at 12:05 PM

PN

“ We may have lost a loved one on earth but we can take comfort knowing she is an angel watching over us and Jan will be watching. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God be with you.
Pam Naplin

Pam Naplin - August 03, 2015 at 11:54 AM