



Janet M. (Van Der Aa) Dawkins

January 15, 1963 - October 14, 2024

Janet M. (Van Der Aa) Dawkins age 61, of Zeeland, died Monday, October 14, 2024 at Corewell Health Butterworth Campus following a long fight with cancer.

She grew up in South Holland, Illinois and attended Dordt College attaining her Associates Degree. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for many years for several different businesses.

Janet loved sailing, golfing, and spoiling her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Helen Van Der Aa.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Tom Dawkins of Zeeland; siblings, Doug and Mary Van Der Aa of Byron Center, Pat and Dale Gort of Holland; nieces and nephews, Carolyn, Andrew, Will, Taylor, Alden; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2024 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland with Rev. Kenneth E. Klett officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Covenant Presbyterian Church. www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet M. (Van Der Aa) Dawkins.*



October 16, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Jan was such an inspiration for a life truly lived to its fullest!*

Remember her starting out at Prince as an executive assistant in the late 1980's and what an inspiration that she was to so many people with her testimony!

Also remember many 4th of July potlucks at the Vanderaa cottage in Holland and how many wonderful boat rides and sailboat rides that we had with her.

May the Lord bless you Tom, Doug, Pat, and families with his grace and peace at this time.

david plantenga - October 15, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet M. (Van Der Aa) Dawkins.*



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“ Jan was such a shining star in my life, and I loved her very much. She made me laugh with just a glance and a silly expression. Sometimes I had to hang up on her, because I was laughing too hard to speak. She had the glow of a movie star, I could spot her walking towards me from a mile away. It was her big heart, her compassion, her gift of wit, her endless courage and her Trust in the Lord that made her so incredibly amazing though. Tom, you were Hallmark movie come true! Thanks for taking such great care of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! ❤️🙏 Buff and Adam

Elizabeth Rolinski - October 15, 2024 at 07:35 PM