



Janet Lynne (LeDonne) Cooley

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On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Janet Cooley passed away in her home surrounded by her family. Janet will be forever remembered by her husband of nearly 34 years, Warren, their children, Lisa (Alex) Lubchansky, Bryan, their grandson Emerson, her parents Lawrence and Joanne LeDonne, and by her sisters Karen (Brad) Dranko and Sherry (Donald) Meucci. Janet was loved by her nieces, nephews, extended family, dear friends, and students.

Janet met Warren in 1976 in high school and after a full summer of pursuit, she finally gave in when her mother told her “it’s not like you have to marry him”. They attended IUP together where Janet majored in Art Education. After graduation, Janet followed Warren to California where they became engaged shortly thereafter. Janet adored her children.

As a dedicated elementary art teacher in the Baldwin Whitehall School District for the last 25 years, she was a master of fostering imagination and creativity. She loved her students and showcased their work with pride. Her other interests included gardening, bird watching, jewelry, drawing, crafting, thrifting, and traveling.

Janet’s determination and support from her family and friends enabled her to live a life of strength during her battle with cancer over the last 20 months. During this time, she proclaimed that she became grand and fell in love again when her grandson was born on Mother’s Day in 2018. She also traveled all over; the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National parks, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Dominican Republic, Grand Turk, Connecticut, Disney World, and others. Janet was loved by many and will be forever remembered.

Family and friends will be received on Friday from 2 to 4 pm & 6 to 9 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Rd, Pittsburgh. A Blessing Service will be held on Saturday at 10 am in the funeral home's chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate a book to a library of your choice in honor of Janet or to Phipp’s Conservatory. Online condolences may be left at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.



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SE

Shelley Econovich posted:

Dear Karen and family.....you have my deepest sympathy and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to hear about Janet. Please give your family my condolences.

February 24 at 12:49 PM

CM

Chrissy Miller posted:

My amazing art teaching mentor. Her high standards helped me to be the best teacher I could be. She was loving excellence. J.C. went home, where she is now healed, and we will see her again some day.

February 23 at 5:33 PM

MM

Mike And Sherry Mccahill posted:

MeI - We are so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and and your family.

February 23 at 10:54 AM

PW

Pam Wooding posted:

As requested, we plan to donate books to the Pleasant Hills Library in memorial to Janet.Pam & Earle Wooding

February 23 at 6:39 AM

BR

Bruce Reber posted:

My heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends. May you find some comfort in the promise found in Revelation 21: 3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 4:14. Knowing that there is an opportunity to be reunited with loved ones.

February 22 at 12:08 PM



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MG

Michelle Blich Groft posted:

Lisa, Bryan, and Uncle Mel, I am thinking of all of you at this difficult time. I have such fond memories of Aunt Janet because she was such an amazing person. She inspired me to be a better teacher. I am thinking of you all so very much. I am sorry Craig, the kids, and I will be unable to make it to the funeral due to being on a cruise. Please know my thoughts, prayers, and heart is with you all.

February 22 at 11:09 AM

AR

Arthur posted:

May the Family know that she is safe in Gods memory awaiting for Him to instruct Jesus Christ to fulfill the words he had spoken in John 5:28,29 about a time when he will resurrect ones who have died back to life again. And yet there is another Promise from his Heavenly Father, Jehovah God found in Psalm 37:29 which says: The righteous will possess the earth and they will live forever on it. So may these words bring some real comfort in the coming days ahead.

February 22 at 10:22 AM

RE

Rayanne Englert Coy posted:

Mel, Sorry for your loss. Remembering Janet's beauty, talent and the way she laughed. She will be missed and yet, her spirit will live on. Prayers of strength to you and your family. With Love, Rayanne Englert Coy

February 22 at 8:04 AM

MC

Marjorie Connelly posted:

Dear Mel, Sending you and your entire family love and my sincerest condolences. Big hugs to you, Mel. ❤️ Marj

February 21 at 1:44 PM

PV

Perry Vanrosendale posted:

Mel----so so sorry for your loss. My sister passed away from this dreadful disease in 2013 at age 59. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I look forward to seeing you this summer--- hopefully.Perry V.

February 21 at 1:14 PM



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KB

Kellie Britton Bertram posted:

Mel...sending hugs and love from GA. You and your family are in my thoughts!♥Kellie

February 21 at 12:15 PM

LK

Linda Glover Kelly posted:

Dear Warren Please accept my condolences on the passing of your loving wife Janet May God comfort you during this difficult time

February 21 at 11:28 AM

MD

Meredith Davis posted:

Heaven has certainly gained a sweet, artistic angel. Rest in eternal peace Janet.

February 21 at 10:37 AM

DS

Dorothy Smoyer posted:

My Dear Jan.....I remember our first meeting....Warren, (Mel), brought you over to our house in Pleasant Hills to meet you.....I have liked you so much, since.....:)Somehow, I know you know how everyone is feeling...Yet, I can sense your peace, knowing you are indeed, with The Lord.....I, too, love your children, and you have such a nice family....I remember laughing and telling you how I always voted for your Dad, for School Board!!!!...We just clicked, Jan, as you know.....I am thankful you got to be her to meet your darling grandson.....I may be hurting....but still,I Thank God for your life.....Until we meet again, my friend.....rest in peace.....Much Love....Dorothy.....

February 21 at 9:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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