



Janell Mueller

March 18, 1957 - May 18, 2011

Janell Kautzman Mueller, 54, passed away on May 18, 2011, in Bismarck. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck with Rev. John Guthrie and Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bismarck. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Chapel located in the Benedictine Center at the University of Mary Campus where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Monday one hour prior to the service at the church. Janell was born on March 18, 1957, in Jamestown, ND, to Ervin and Perletta Guenther Kautzman. She graduated from Jamestown High School in 1975, and Minot State University in 1979. Her initial major was deaf education, and changed her major to business administration and data processing. She began her career in July 1979 working at the State of North Dakota Central Data Processing Division at the State Capitol in Bismarck, ND, as the agency's first accountant. In 1985, she began working for the University of Mary as the Director of Student Accounts, where she remained employed until her failing health in 2010. She was respected as a committed and dedicated employee, focusing on assisting students in their financial accounts while they attended college. Janell was very passionate about her job and working for the University of Mary, and was proud of her career commitment. In 1979, she met her future husband, Donald Mueller, who was a computer programmer for the same State agency where

she worked. They established a life-long friendship, and began dating in 1980. On September 5, 1981, Don and Janell were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND. From the church, they were pushed through the Jamestown streets on a bed-on-wheels that had the sign, "Donald Duck and Daisy Duck". They made their home in Bismarck. Janell and Don's greatest treasure was their loving family. She is survived by her husband, Don; her three children, Casey 1983, Brady 1986 and his fiancée Heather, all of Bismarck, and Ellen 1991 of Moorhead, MN. She was very proud of their outstanding achievements. She is also survived by a sister, Melodie Jon Goehner, Jamestown; a brother, Steven Lisa Kautzman, Rapid City, SD; her sibling in-laws, Theresa Gary Scheibelhut, Victoria, TX, Joe Vicki Mueller, Rochester, MN, Ed Julie Mueller, Garretson, SD, Ron Gwen Mueller, Detroit Lakes, MN, Dave Trish Mueller, Cummings, ND, Paul Deb Mueller, Cummings, ND, and Larry MariBeth Mueller, Hillsboro, ND. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin 2007 and Perletta Guenther Kautzman 1982, and her parent-in-laws, Earl 1972 and Barbara Reinpold Mueller 2008. Janell was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma cancer in September 2009 and began treatment at Rochester Mayo Clinic and in Bismarck. Her treatment included a stem cell transplant on December 28, 2009, considered as Janell's second birthday. Her husband Don became her constant caregiver, and often quoted, "Each Day is a Gift!" In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I was so sad to hear about Janell. She was a good friend of mine in college. We had many good times together that I will cherish. We somehow lost touch over the years, but I always considered her to be a good friend. I will always remember her smile and laugh. Don and family, ...take care and find the strength and faith through each other and comfort in all she blessed you with in her life and the hope that you will someday be reunited.

Stephanie Williams - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Janell was my big sister in the sorority. She was a great help to me in college. She will be missed. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Donna Lee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Janell was my date for the senior prom at Jamestown High School. Later, when she was in college at MSC, she was in the same sorority as my wife Cindy Edwardson Anfinson and became friends. We were all better people for knowing Janell and will miss her.

Kevin Edwardson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Don and kids, I am truly sorry to hear about your loss of a remarkable wife, mother and a friend to many. I appreciate even more the times Janell and I talked on the phone about various things and how we got reacquainted when my daughter attended Mary. I hope you didn't mind when I "barged in " on you two one night and spent a few hours with you telling her about the reunion and getting her up to speed about the rest of our classmates from 1975. I hope she got a little joy and a little relief from her suffering reading about and seeing the life's journey of her fellow classmates. I will keep her and your four in my prayers now yet feel bad that Janell had a lot bigger cross to bear than most of us, yet God gives each of us the strength and grace to handle all our troubles and life's obstacles. No doubt she fought the good fight and will be an inspiration to others.

Steve Kourajian - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Dear Don, So very sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you and yours in prayer during this difficult time.

Geoff Lynch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Don: Our sympathies are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Please take care.

Roger Hertz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of your family's loss. I used to live in Grand Prairie and babysat for Casey and Brady when they were babies. I remember Janell as being such a kind person and wonderful mother. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Karin Smith-Maniktala - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Don and family, We were so sorry to hear of Janell's illness and passing. I have lots of fun memories from high school days with her as well as having you as neighbors for a few years. She was truly a great person with wonderful family.

Don and Patsy Sprout - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Dear Don and family, My sympathies at Janell's passing. I have known Janell since her days at the State of North Dakota; from there, through her employment at the University of Mary and then again as our children attended St. Mary's Central High School. Janell was always an upbeat soul with a smile on her face. She was a great person. I am saddened to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Blessings, Gary VerDouw Saint Peters, MO

Gary VerDouw - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I was Casey's first caregiver other than his wonderful mother and dad. Casey, I remember how hard it was for you mom to leave you at my house that first day for you were such a little one. She loved you so much. Dear family, I am so sorry for your loss especially Don and Casey since it is you I know the best. Janell was a wonderful person and I will always have fond memories of her.

Mary Donovan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Don, I'm saddened to hear of your loss and wish to give you my condolences. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. May God bless you and your family. Mark

Mark Brasher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Sorry to hear of Janell's passing at such a young age. Irvin's family often visited us at the farm, and there are many nice childhood memories. My sympathies to the family and friends.

Merlin Neumiller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Don & family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked for Janell through the work study program at U Mary. She was such a kind, loving, caring woman. She was very motherly towards me making sure I was okay and not too overwhelmed with school. Even after I had finished my work study she made it a point to keep in touch. She was very proud of you kids. She had nothing but great things to say about you and your accomplishments. At least she is at peace now and does not have to suffer with the pain of her illness. I know she will be watching down upon you 4 from heaven.

Jessica Meidinger Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Casey and Family My thoughts and Prayers are with you in this time of loss. Take Care

Robert Laches - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janell's passing. She was a very good friend in high school and I have many good memories of our times together. May the good memories you had together, live on forever.

Donna Rehak Lindberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Don, I send my sympathies and prayers to you and your family. Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 Kitty

Kathryn Lemm - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ my prayers and thoughts go out to the Mueller Family Janell you will be greatly missed you were a very special and loving lady. Caroline DeWall & Jody Miller

Caroline Dewall - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Janell's passing. She was a wonderful and kind person who was very proud of each one of you! Janell will never be forgotten. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Shanna Begger Wehri - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Don, Casey, Brady, and Ellen, I worked with Janell at the University of Mary and enjoyed my time there with her. She was a dedicated employee and truly cared about the students. She would go above and beyond to assist those who were have difficulty with their student account. She was a fair person and a pleasure to work with. She loved her family above all else. Family was very important to her. She will be missed by all.

Michelle Metzger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Don, Casey, Brady and Ellen, We were saddened to hear that Janell has passed away. We remember her and all of you as our neighbors in Bismarck. We can only imagine the pain and suffering Janell went through along with the pain suffered by you seeing her do so. Take comfort in knowing that she is now with God, at peace and out of pain. We'll keep her and your family in our prayers.

Mike & Cheryl Cameron - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. There are a lot of fond memories of Janell and the whole family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

David Neumiller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Janell was so dear to me at UMary - her office was always a welcoming place and she always brightened our day with her presence. She will live on forever in our memories. JoAnn Zahursky-Klein

JoAnn Zahursky-Klein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of cousin Janell's we knew her as "Twinkles" passing. I spent many a summer at their house in Jamestown with her and Melodie. It was such fun going to the big city because I came from the small town of Sykeston and they always made me feel so special. Our thoughts and prayers to you for your loss of such a special person.

Julie Neumiller Seil - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ So sorry to hear about Janell. She was one of the kindest people we have ever met. We know what it is like to lose a mom at such a young age. Tim's mom passed away at age 52. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Don, Casey, Brady and Ellen. Tim and Colleen Thomas

Timothy Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Don and family, Sorry to hear about your loss of Janell. I can remember playing with her in grade school and through high school and we graduated together. Then later on in life her dad married my mom and we became step sisters. What a small world. She was a beautiful lady and you'll always have beautiful memories of her. For comfort this is for you-Walk on a rainbow trail; walk on a trail of song, and all about you will be beauty. There is a way out of every dark mist, over a rainbow trail. Our prayers are with you and the family. Love, Deb and Ron Dwelle

Deb Dwelle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ I am sorry to hear about Janell's battle. She put up a great fight. Do not consider it as a loss, but rather a win as she is now pain free and resting in a much better place. May God hold you in the palm of his hand during this time of sorrow. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Greg Jasmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I was very sorry to learn of cousin Janell's passing. Her uncle Roger and I were train bearers at Ervin and Perletta's wedding. My folks often stopped at Ervin's when we were in the big city of Jamestown, and playing with Janell and her siblings was always fun. Our sincere condolences to her family.

Gordon Neumiller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Don, Casey, Brady, and Ellen So very sorry to hear about the passing of Janell. What a great picture you have of her in the paper and on her memorial. Treasure the memories and alway carry her in your heart. Sandy JahrFloor to Ceiling

Sandy Jahr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Don and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Janell's passing. Even though I never met her in person, from the fun stories I heard when we worked together and following your journals, I feel as if I knew this wonderful lady. I'm sure she'll be greatly missed, but feel blessed with the time you all had together. You have my deepest sympathies.

Mandy McCord - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

W&

“ Don and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers, God bless. We think of your family so often and remember some very fun times. Love you all. Walter and LaVonne Kozojed

walt &lavonne - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Janell's passing. I knew her through my mother, who worked with Janell for many years out at University of Mary. May God bless Janell's family and friends, and as hard as it may be losing such a wonderful person, may you find peace knowing she is in Heaven.

Jennifer Toso Robinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ No words can express how sorry we are to hear about your mother and wife. Janell is watching over all of you and is at your sides whenever you still need her. All I ever heard was what a great person she was and caring mother. May she rest in peace.

Aleshia and Chris Emineth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I am sorry to hear about Janel. We were on the same floor first year of college. She was a great person. She had a great smile.

Wanda Anderson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM