



## Janet Brown

June 23, 1940 - February 16, 2024

Janet Marie Brown, a woman of faith who overcame so much over her lifetime, died on Friday, February 16, 2024. Janet, 83, of Charlotte, was born on June 23, 1940, in Ferndale, MI. the daughter of Clyde and Bertha (Bass) Ford. In the 8th grade Janet met Larry Brown Jr. and on November 14, 1959, she married her childhood sweetheart. They moved from Royal Oak to Gladwin where they lived for 30-plus years, where she worked for 26 years as an Office Administrator for the Gladwin Community Schools. Following the death of her husband in 2007 Janet moved to Charlotte. Janet devoted her life to volunteering around her community. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, where she was involved in Wrapped-in-Love-Quilters and they made quilts for the local pregnancy center and local senior living centers. The biggest joy in her life was her granddaughters. They referred to her as "Nama" and she loved to be in the front row at all of their events. The family loved spending their summers at the family condo in Suttons Bay. Hobbies that Janet enjoyed were sewing, quilting, baking her amazing apple pies, shopping, an occasional trip to the casino, and watching The Young and the Restless. Janet hoped that her job once she gets to heaven was something that involved working with children or animals. She was selfless and had a heart of gold.

Janet is survived by her daughter, Kelly Friar; granddaughters. Emily and Ashley Friar; sister-in-law, Rolland Ford; brother-in-law, Larry Sauers; and

several nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Larry; son, Kirk Brown; sister, Linda Sauers; and brother, Keith Ford; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Janet's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 9-10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte. A Funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Pastor Pete Kroll officiating. With an interment to take place at 3:30 p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Gladwin, MI. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Janet's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1000 W Cedar Ave  
Gladwin, MI 48624

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte  
1110 S. Cochran Ave  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

FEB 22. 3:30 PM (ET)

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1000 W Cedar Ave  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Janet Brown*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21, 2024 at 05:08 PM

DB

*Kelly u did a wonderful job, mom is so proud of you! Continue 🙏 during this difficult time, stay strong for the girls they have a wonderful & beautiful mom, God bless you all! ❤️XOXO*

Derrick Boeneman - February 22, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Brown.*



February 21, 2024 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *The Sauers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Brown.*

The Sauers Family - February 19, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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“ *The Sauers Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Janet Brown.*



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**The Sauers Family** - February 19, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JU

“ *Janet and I were good friends at Coolidge in Ferndale. We shared cheerleaders experiences. She called me years later and talked about our p.j. parties and those experiences before we entered Lincoln High. We both had our first babies around the same time. The friendship that lasted a lifetime. She was a gentile spirit that radiated love. You have gone to the other side where I pray we will meet again. RIP long lasting friend. I will miss our phone conversations. I am sure Larry and Kirt are waiting for you. God Bless. Hugs and love from a life long friend. Jo Ann (Loudermilk).*

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**Jo Ann Uhrynowski** - February 19, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Brown.*



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February 19, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JC

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. We worked together at Gladwin schools for many years. she was a good friend, and I really missed her when she moved away. My sincere condolences.*

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**Joyce Cameron** - February 18, 2024 at 10:45 PM

JP

“ So very sorry for this great loss. She was my former neighbor and classmate and when very young we played together. She told me that my parents had presented her with a Bible at a young age. I am truly saddened to hear this sad news. Jim Piper

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**Jim Piper** - February 18, 2024 at 09:51 PM

NL

“ My aunt had that Bass sense of humor, like her mom. She was caring to all who knew her. Her family was her most precious love. I will miss her.

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**Nancy LaForest** - February 18, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JM

“ So sorry for you loss, she was the greatest!

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**Joyce McKenna** - February 18, 2024 at 06:18 PM

JA

“ Dearest Kelly, Emily and Ashley,  
Like you, our hearts are broken over the loss of your mom and nama. We truly loved her and will continue to miss her until that day we are reunited once again in heaven.  
There was absolutely no doubt how deeply she loved you three. Janet was extremely proud of not only your accomplishments, but greater yet, who you are as individuals. May you hold tight to all the fond memories you have of her and honor her memory by living out the remainder of your lives with the same level of love for God, family and friends that she demonstrated.  
All our unending love, prayers and support,  
Joe and Sandy Anson

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**Joe and Sandy Anson** - February 18, 2024 at 06:15 PM

GK

*I am very thankful I made the trip to Charlotte with my daughter to spend precious time with Janet in her last two weeks!! We laughed and cried through the years together and the same my last two visits with her recently!! She and I bonded immediately as wonderful neighbors as did our daughters Kelly and Kristie ! They are forever sunshine friends then now and their forever!!! Sure loved Janet and the tears or humor never ceased between us. I will never forget her !!!*

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**Georgia Kigar** - February 18, 2024 at 08:34 PM