



Janet Carol Merren

September 22, 1944 - July 14, 2019

Janet Carol (Campbell) Merren, a matriarch, caregiver, stubborn, quirky, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, of Charlotte, died Sunday, July 14, 2019 at her residence. Janet, 74, was born in Lansing, MI on September 22, 1944, the daughter of Milo and Kathryn (Coger) Campbell. Following graduating from Charlotte High School in 1962 Janet married her sweetheart Donald Merren and together created their legacy until his passing in 2003. At a young age Janet was taking care of her younger siblings, this continued throughout her life with her children, grandchildren and by being a caregiver to others. Janet a breast cancer survivor, devoted her life to helping others. She worked numerous jobs throughout her life, IGA in the Bakery and Coupon Department, Rivers Edge Restaurant, AE Hoover, Home Health Caregiver and most recently as a Security Guard at Spartan Motors. Janet's hobbies included, collecting porcelain dolls and coffee cups, gardening, traveling, crossword puzzles, playing cards and watching the Sci-Fi Channel. Most importantly Janet adored the time that she spent with her family.

Janet is survived by her children, Loretta Lee, Deanna Barnum, Matthew (Amber Moore) Merren; daughter in-law, Dawn Merren Vanzandt; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; siblings, Paul (Linda) Campbell, Kathryn (Andrew) Pray, Judy Campbell, Veronica (Max Curtiss) Crawford, Marlene (Paul) Stavros, Pauline Bibler; sister in-laws, Cathy Campbell, Dorene Bearndt and Mary (Chuck) Crosby; brother in-law, John (Pat) Merren. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald; children, Phillip Merren, Scott Merren, and Kim Rounds; siblings, Jerry Campbell, Gaylord Campbell; stepbrother, LeRoy (Barb) Cole; Son in-law, Mark Lee; brother in-law, William Merren, Grover Bibler; father and mother in-law, Al and Leora Smith; father in-law, John Merren; parents, Milo (Francis) Campbell and Kathryn Campbell.

Friends are encouraged to support Janet's family. Funeral services are Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation is Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Cancer Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Janet

on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Hillside (Kalamo) Cemetery

1459 S. Ionia Rd
Vermontville, MI 49096

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Carol Merren



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 17, 2019 at 09:00 AM

AN

“ Grandma, Its now been a yr and a half since you have been gone and it still doesn't feel real! So much has happened and changed and I want to talk to you about it, I miss you just as much today as I ever have! Rest in Peace and give Grampa his birthday flash light and Christmas Batteries for me please!

Angie - December 18, 2020 at 08:46 AM

AK

“ Grandma, the tears have not stopped yet. I still can not believe you are gone. Please give Grandpa, Kim and the boys big hugs for me. You truly were the best and always there for us no matter what. Rip Gone but never forgotten

Angela Kibbey - July 20, 2019 at 07:01 PM

DB

“ Mom
I will always remember how you had to slap me when I was drowning and trying to drown others. How you knew I was pregnant for Jess before I did. Your potato and macaroni salad were the best and I loved them !! How you called me Deena and Deena dumb dumb in your own loving way !! I will always remember your smile and laugh 😊
I love you and miss you already ❤️❤️
Until I see you again

Deanna Barnum - July 18, 2019 at 08:48 AM

DB

“ Mom

I will always remember how you had to slap me when I was drowning and trying to drown others ! How you knew I was pregnant for Jess before I did. Your potato and macaroni salad couldn't be beat and I loved it !! How you used to call me Deena and Deena dumb dumb in your own loving way !! Your laugh and smile I will always remember as well.

I love and miss you already!!

Until we meet again ❤️❤️

Deanna Barnum - July 18, 2019 at 08:20 AM

LC

“ Loyd & Angie Cords lit a candle in memory of Janet Carol Merren



Loyd & Angie Cords - July 17, 2019 at 04:01 PM

LO

“ Mom you will be missed more than you know. Thank you for making me the strong independent woman that I am today. I know you were proud of me and I promise to continue making you proud

loretta - July 17, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ 28 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 17, 2019 at 07:48 AM

MA

“ Whenever I was having trouble at home or I was in a bad mood, grandma Merren would always be there for me, letting me stay the night at her house where we would eat whatever goodies she had at the time.

Maddison - July 16, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Carol Merren.



July 16, 2019 at 09:53 AM

MJ

“ Aunt Janet was always there for me. I will miss her laugh. I remember many a days spending time at lacy lake with everyone, allot of my favorite memories. I will miss our phone calls . Love you Aunt Janet. Mary Jane



mary jane - July 16, 2019 at 07:28 AM

KP

“ I was introduced to my big Sister on December 25, 1952. She thought I was her very own baby doll. Janet was a loving, mothering sister. I could always talk to her about anything. If it was a problem I was having, we'd talk it out and usually solve it. She called it her "Janet fix." Kay

Kay Pray - July 15, 2019 at 11:49 PM

RC

Janet thought the very best thing in life was the laughter of a child, no matter how your day was going, a child's laughter could make it better! Love you and miss you, Veronica

Ronni Crawford - July 16, 2019 at 07:32 PM