



Janet Ruth Kanitz

June 19, 2017

Janet Ruth (Lombard) Kanitz, 66, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland. Janet was born in Ithaca, Michigan on November 12, 1950. Janet was raised on a farm, attended a one-room school house in Newark Township and graduated from Ithaca High School at the top of her class in 1969. Janet was active in Farm Bureau and FHA. She moved to the Upper Peninsula in 1984, where she raised 7 children. She was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and worked at Glen's Market, now Family Fare, for more than 20 years, retiring in 2014. First and foremost, she was a mom and a grammie. She had unconditional love for all of her children and grandchildren and treated each one as her favorite. She was also a mother to her children's friends and touched many lives of the people she came in contact with over the years.

She is survived by her family; Lee Kanitz, of Hessel; Brent (Christie) Kanitz, of Midland; Becky (nee Kanitz) Dennis, of Hampstead, MD; Bridget (nee Kanitz) and Corey Sutherland, of Vernon, CT; Linnette Kanitz-Reyes and Samir Reyes, of Hampstead, MD and Lindsey Kanitz and Nathan Zimmerman, of St. Ignace; a brother, Phillip and Kathryn Lombard, of Ithaca; special friend, Casimir Matelski of St. Ignace; and 13 grandchildren; Tyler Kanitz, Paige Kanitz, Jackson Dennis, Bennett Kanitz, Ross Sutherland, Owen Dennis, Bryan Reyes, Samuel Sutherland, Sydney Kanitz, Weston Sutherland, Maxwell Sutherland, Diego Reyes and Lucas Reyes. She was preceded in

death by her parents, Donald and Ruth (Hibner) Lombard; a son, Ross Kanitz; and a grandson, Eli Kanitz.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, June 26 at 11 a.m. with Fr. Frank Ricca, Fr. Corey Litzner and Deacon Tom McClelland officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Cemetery in Moran next to her son, Ross. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Pallbearers will be John Blizzard, Jason Lombard, Albert Lombard, William Foster, Chad Smith and Carter Tallaire.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to assist with funeral arrangements, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ Janet Ruth Kanitz

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Janet Ruth Kanitz

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Janet Ruth Kanitz

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ I was sorry to hear of Janet's death, She was a very hard worker, loved her family and friends, very good natured nice lady. My condolences go out to the Kanitz family.
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Miriam Blair - June 28, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ My heart goes out to Janet's children, grandchildren and siblings. Janet will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the entire community. She was a wonderful example of how to tackle what life throws your way. Thank you, Janet. May God hold a special place for you in heaven.

Margaret Huskey - June 26, 2017 at 05:59 AM

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Margaret Huskey - June 26, 2017 at 05:58 AM

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“ I always loved and admired Janet Ruth for how she was able to raise seven kids! They all turned out to be wonderful adults and and raised beautiful children! She always talked about of them even the dogs!

Aunt Kathy - June 24, 2017 at 10:06 AM