



Janet Francis Barbeaux

March 15, 1947 - October 14, 2019

Janet Francis Barbeaux (nee Coloumbe) age 72, passed peacefully at home October 14, 2019 after a long illness. She was a good woman, a good mother, a good friend, and a soul that will be greatly missed by many. Janet was born on March 15, 1947 to Jean Paul and Francis Helen Coloumbe of Palm Springs, California, the last of three.

Janet spent her childhood at the beach with her surfer brother Kip and sister Evaann. In 1963 the good Catholic school girl and erstwhile little surfer met a marine out of Camp Pendleton and her life with her life-long partner and eventual husband of 54 years Sylvester "Butch" Barbeaux began. Butch and Janet were married on July 3, 1964, Butch left the Marine Corps that fall, and Janet gave birth to their first son Paul in 1965. The new family traveled back and forth between Michigan and California as Butch tried different occupations to make ends meet. There were good times and bad, but through it all they stuck together. No matter where they were Janet made the house they were in a home. Their second son, Steven, was born in 1970 and because of Steven's weak lungs they decided to move permanently back to Butch's home town in Fairport, Michigan where the air was cleaner, breathing easier, and Butch had plenty of family nearby. In Fairport, Janet quickly captured everyone's heart with her outgoing personality and giving soul. Janet claimed the role of Aunt Janet to all the kids in the village, even those not a direct relation. She could often be seen with a car packed with 10 or more kids (pre-seatbelt days) on

outing to the beach in the summer or driving 45 miles to the movies in the winter. She was truly loved by all and made friends easily wherever she went. Known to start conversations with complete strangers even the most cantankerous of which could not help but to converse with her eventually. In 1984, due to changes in fishery regulations the family was forced to move from Fairport, but kept ties there. In 1985, after looking at many other places around the lakes Janet and Butch chose to settle in DeTour Village. Here Janet quickly made it her home and made many good and lasting friends. In 1993, Janet and Butch started traveling to Lake Havasu City, Arizona with friends from DeTour to spend their winters in a warmer climate. In time they built a community there as well, Janet's outgoing personality brought the best out of the people she loved. She spent her later days traveling back and forth from the three communities she called home, Fairport, DeTour Village, and Lake Havasu. Her favorite pastimes were donating to the local casinos, with the occasional withdrawal when the fates were kind and talking to people, anyone really. Most that knew her comment on her seemingly endless energy. The last few years she worked tirelessly caring for her ailing husband Butch who passed in September 2018.

Janet was a member of the Fayette Congregational Church, the DeTour Village Presbyterian Church, the Raber AMVETS auxiliary post 79, the DeTour Village Red Hats, DeTour Village Homemakers, DeTour Village Senior Citizens, the DeTour Area Bunko Club, and was a great supporter of DeTour Area Schools athletics. If you can, please burn a candle in her memory and to light her travels to meet Butch on the other side

Janet is survived by her two sons Paul (Sharolyn) Barbeaux of DeTour Village and Steven (Angelia) Barbeaux of Seattle Washington; four grandchildren, Jordan, Kaley, Kaleb, and Sophia; one great-granddaughter Harley; her sister, Evaann (Ray) Dear; and brother, Kip (Lori) Coloumbe. She is also survived by

her many nephews and nieces and brothers- and sisters-in-law who love her dearly. There are many who will miss her, many that call her auntie and mom that don't share blood, but who she cared for as if they were.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at Fayette Congressional Church, in Delta County, Michigan.

Burial will follow at Sac Bay Cemetery, in Fairbanks Township, Michigan.

The family would like to thank EUP home health and hospice for all of their help during this difficult time and in particular Cindy Rieke who became a friend.

In lieu of gifts to the family please consider making donations in Janet's memory to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W 12th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford

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Tribute Wall



“ Janet Francis Barbeaux

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Janet Francis Barbeaux

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Janet Francis Barbeaux

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Janet was such an amazing friend to my mom! They created many memories from delivering fish on Thursdays, to going to bingo on Sundays to taking their grandkids on many adventures together. There were so many cups of coffee and visiting between their two houses while I was growing up and beyond. I will always remember her smile, her infectious giggle and her enormous heart! The support she gave to the high school kids by going to games even if she didn't have kids she knew playing was just one of her admirable qualities. She would always ask how Tyler and the Reed girls were doing every time I saw her. I will miss seeing her driving around town, visiting with her at the post office or the store...I will simply miss her. Prayers go out to all of her family!

Patti Loehr - October 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet Francis Barbeaux.*



October 19, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Barbeaux Family. I will surely miss seeing and talking with Janet at the Village Office. Such a wonderful person. May God surround you with his presence giving you his peace and grace.*

*Most Sincerely,
Greg and Marilyn McGuire*

Marilyn McGuire - October 18, 2019 at 12:52 PM



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



October 18, 2019 at 10:45 AM

CB

“ Janet was such a fun person to be around! I always enjoyed our visits when we would run into each other. I'm so happy I had the chance to see her at the pavilion on the 4th of July! I think she loved the fact that I was shorter than her! I will miss her.
So sorry for your loss, Paul, Sharolyn, & family.



Sincerely~
Cheryl & Dennis

C. Bernard - October 17, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Francis Barbeaux.



October 17, 2019 at 04:24 PM

PR

“ I saw Janet for the first time at The Port. She was sitting in the midst of a group of her new friends and she was smiling. it was a memorable smile and one that she wore the last time that I saw her at Sidetracked

Patricia Rasmussen - October 17, 2019 at 03:30 PM

MD

“ *Marcia Dickey lit a candle in memory of Janet Francis Barbeaux*



Marcia Dickey - October 17, 2019 at 03:28 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Francis Barbeaux.*



October 16, 2019 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ *Johnny Sr., Jr, Jason, Hilary Fountain & Tom Munro purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Janet Francis Barbeaux.*



Johnny Sr., Jr, Jason, Hilary Fountain & Tom Munro -
October 16, 2019 at 09:56 AM