



Janet Lee Garen

March 23, 1937 - May 1, 2022

Janet Lee Garen, age 85, of Rudyard, Michigan, died at Mackinac Straits Health System in St. Ignace, Michigan, on May 1, 2022. She was born on March 23, 1937, in Palmyra, Michigan, to Edward Milton and Nellie (Runyon) Harris.

Janet grew up in Palmyra and Ida, Michigan, where she graduated from Ida High School and began working at General Telephone. She met David, who also worked for the telephone company, and they married on March 3, 1956. They started a family, while living in Lower Michigan, until 1964, when they moved to the EUP. After a couple years, they made Rudyard their forever home.

Janet was baptized in 1976 as one of Jehovah's Witness and had attended the St. Ignace congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Janet enjoyed embroidery, canning, picking berries, and making homemade jam. She also liked sewing, word searches, and playing cards and board games, especially Rummy and Aggravation. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Janet is survived by her husband, David Garen; daughters, Iris (Rodney) Jarvi of Pickford, Michigan, Gale LaJoice of Pembine, Wisconsin, and

Darlene(William) Garen-Bradford of Oak Harbor, Washington; son, Chester Garen of Rudyard; grandchildren, Daniel (Tina) Belleville, Preston (Brooke) Belleville, Kelsey (Keith) Hagerty, Chad (Kathy) LaJoice, Curt (Jill) LaJoice, Annie (Dustin) LaChapelle, Jeremy (Liza) LaJoice, Lauren Garen, Tonya Martens, Emily Martens, Jeannette Martens, Cole Garen, and Alicia Garen; great-grandchildren, Kylie, Jordan, Jerzie, Sebastian, Hunter, Zane, Abby, Ian, Sophia, Alexandra, Justin, Jaymission, Ivy, and Israel; and sister, Brenda Wohlfeil of Lune Pier, Michigan.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Nellie Harris; daughter, Ardis Garen; son, George Garen; sons-in-law, Jerry Belleville and Jerome LaJoice; brother, Charles Harris; sisters, Dorothy Blakeman, Norma Wertenberger, and Carol Bomia.

Memorial Services will be held on May 9, 2022, at Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan, with the Memorial Gathering at 10:00 AM and the Memorial Service beginning at 11:00 AM. Burial to follow at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S M 129
Pickford, MI 49774

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Tribute Wall



“ Janet Lee Garen

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Janet Lee Garen

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Janet Lee Garen

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Mom I can't believe I can't call you anymore to share my garden plans. You are resting peaceful now and I can't wait to see you again. I love you so much



Darlene Garen - May 15, 2022 at 11:41 PM



“ Dave and Edie Wilkins and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janet Lee Garen.



Dave and Edie Wilkins and family - May 06, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Garen.*



May 05, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Mom, I love you and will miss you more than you will know. Thank you for so much. Your love of daffodils may be why they are my favorite. The many phone calls on the right way to use the pressure cooker, making jellies, home made breads to only mention a few . Coming to stay and helping me out after Annie was born. To many little things to mention. But you will always be in my heart. 💔❤❤❤
Love you*

Gale Garen LaJoice - May 05, 2022 at 01:57 PM