



Jill N. Gustafson

March 21, 1959 - February 28, 2025

Jill N. Gustafson, age 65, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on February 28, 2025, at her home. She was born on March 21, 1959, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to Thadeush “Ted” and Carol (Lipnitz) Niewiada.

Jill grew up in Michigan and lived in multiple towns throughout the state. She graduated from LaSalle High School. She began her career at the Municipal Building before meeting the love of her life, Paul. After their marriage, she started working at the Water Department, where she dedicated forty-three years of service before retiring in 2020.

Jill had a zest for life and a love for simple joys. An avid reader, she found comfort in books and was a devoted library visitor. As a proud Players Club Card Member, she always looked forward to trips to the casino. She had a creative spirit, finding joy in painting, and she cherished time spent outdoors hunting. She also loved unwinding with her favorite TV shows. A passionate sports fan, Jill cheered fiercely for Michigan State University and the Detroit Tigers. Above all, she had a deep love for her dogs, who brought her endless happiness.

Jill is survived by her husband of 40 years, Paul; stepsons, Pete (Kathleen) Gustafson of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Eric (Ellie) Gustafson of Owosso, Michigan; grandchildren, Emmorie Gustafson, Eli Gustafson, Landon

Gustafson, Ava Gustafson, Jackson Gustafson, and Lincoln Gustafson; brother, Michael (Debra) Niewiada; sister, Robin (Bruce) Gaugush; brothers-in-law, Mike (Jodi) Gustafson and Jim (Mimi) Gustafson; sister-in-law, Sandra (Doug) Lillywhite; and many nieces and nephews.

Jill was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Carol.

Per Jill's wishes, no services will be held.

Memorial Contributions in Jill's honor may be made to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com

Tribute Wall

DM

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Dale C. Matcheck - 1 minute ago

Dale C. Matcheck - March 13, 2025 at 05:00 AM

PD

“ I had the honor to meet Jill while she worked at the water department and had the honor of assisting her with the representation of the St. Ignace city employees! Jill's dedication and commitment to her fellow employees and residents will follow me forever! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being part of her life and legacy!

With my deepest sympathy,

Peter Dompierre

Retired AFSCME Staff Representative

Peter Dompierre - March 11, 2025 at 06:06 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss Paul and family. Enjoyed Jill as a class mate.

Mark Tamlyn - March 07, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CS

So very very sorry to hear this. Enjoyed Jill's sense of humor and artistic renderings throughout the years of Jim and life situations when they worked together at the water plant. She was very talented and a very nice person. Our hearts go out to Paul and the families. 💔

Cheryl Schlehuber - March 07, 2025 at 10:56 PM

JF

It's so sad to hear this news. I have many fond UP memories of Jill and all my cousins from when I was growing up in Ohio and we visited in the summer. My condolences to Paul and all her family members. She will be missed.

John Frisch - March 07, 2025 at 11:16 PM

CS

*Jill was a great friend when I lived in St. Ignace. Paul was the love of her life. Sincere condolences.
Cheryl Sconce*

Cheryl Sconce - March 09, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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Dale C. Matcheck - March 13, 2025 at 04:57 AM