



Jane Marie Breen

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Jane Marie Breen, age 72, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Monday, July 31, 2023 at The Poppen Residence of Harbor Hospice. She was born June 17, 1951 in Muskegon to DeLore and Thelma (Ellison) Morrell and was a life resident of the area. Jane received her associate's degree in nursing at Muskegon Community College and had worked as an LPN at Shoreline Pediatrics for 32 years retiring in 2016. On July 31, 1971, she married Patrick Breen at The Block House in North Muskegon and he survives her. Jane was a member of Restore Church Muskegon and was active in DeColores. She enjoyed sewing and playing her guitar. She loved spending time with her family and friends and taking motorcycle trips with Pat. Survivors include her loving husband, Pat Breen; 2 sons, Benjie (Leah) Breen, Tracy (Angela) Breen; 3 grandchildren, Fiona Breen, Thane Breen, Hendrik Breen; 2 brothers, John (Nancy) Morrell, D (Sally) Morrell; 1 sister, Joan Houchins; and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother-in-law, Tom Houchins. Private burial will take place at Ware Cemetery in Blue Lake Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Restore Church Muskegon, the Muskegon Rescue Mission, or Every Woman's Place. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com



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DS

Denise Sheffer posted:

Working Jane's Decolores, connected us. She was the most kind hearted, serving others always. Every year, she called and bought crayons and markers for my classroom. She will be missed ❤️

August 2 at 12:27 AM

DM

D Nd Sally Morrell posted:

Jane was my sister-in-law. I was blessed to have known her for over 29 years. She was one of the most kindest and giving people I've ever meant. She always put others before herself. One of my fondest memories of Jane happened just a few weeks ago. My daughter recently had given birth to my grandson whom Jane had never gotten to meet due to her illness. My daughter and I decided that we would bring Calvin to come see her at the Poppen House. The first thing she said to my daughter was "can you show me his little feet and toes!" She loved babies for sure! She was so thankful that we had brought him to see her. She had slight tears in her eyes so I knew we had done the right thing. The next day I went to see her and she kept thanking me for bringing my grandson to see her and telling me that it made her day. This was a special moment I'll never forget. My husband is Jane's brother. He has many fond memories of Jane as well but one that stands out is when she got her first dependable car which was a dark green 1968 Pontiac convertible; she loved that car he said. He loved going to Duck Lake channel with her too. She will be sadly missed by us. Rest in peace. Love you forever, D and Sally

August 1 at 3:24 PM

DV

Deb Vlasma posted:

Janie was Janie....always the same: caring, thoughtful, strong, fun. We were Peds nurses together at Muskegon General years ago, and an exemplary nurse she was! I'm so thankful I have known Janie. My sympathy and prayers for her husband and kids. Thanksgiving she is safe and whole in Heaven. Deb Vlasma

August 1 at 4:17 AM



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DM

Danny Mikesell posted:

I first met Jane at the old Muskegon General pediatric unit about 45 yrs ago. She had all the correct answers about a severely ill child that nobody else knew. But there were a few things about the previous day she couldn't answer. "Why don't you know that, too." "I wasn't working that day." "Why?" "I don't work all the time." "Why, you should." and she walked away laughing. I had found my perfect nurse—great intelligence, caring, and not intimidated by a doctor. And I needed an office nurse. She worked for me until she retired. As her illness evolved, we first banned her from lifting children, I gave most of the shots, and we got her health insurance. Eventually, I was blessed with another wonderful nurse, Callie, and Jane moved to desk work until retirement. Now those are the "facts", let's get to Jane, the person. She was a world-class "giver" to anybody and everybody in need of anything she could do for them—that is who she was at her core. Always looking out for everybody. A truly generous and caring person. The world has lost a prize, and she has completed her journey here with us but has moved on to what her faith has promised. Bless you, beloved Jane. Dan and Mary Jo Mikesell

July 31 at 5:47 PM

LG

Laura Gates August 8 at 7:59 PM

Jane was a precious gem! We went to church together, she was my children's nurse and then life happened so we didn't see each other often. Jane showed the love of God and the fruits of the Spirit in all she did and said. The last time I saw her was shopping for groceries. She was in a hurry to get home to Pat as I was to my family. We talked shortly but every encounter with Jane, no matter how brief, was special. That's how she treated everyone. Although the earthly loss for her family will be difficult, they can be certain she is in heaven with the Savior she loved

JL

Jeanine Lowry August 1 at 6:00 PM

I met Jane when we were seniors in high school working co-op as yellow girls. We did many things together. We learned to play guitar together, which we had many laughs. Jane indeed was a beautiful person inside and out. She was very loving and giving to anyone who needed her help. I truly will miss her. Heaven gained another angel. My heart goes out to Pat and the family. She loved her children and grandchildren She was so proud of them.

KF

Kim And Doug Fenbert August 1 at 4:10 PM

I still can't believe Jane is gone. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. I had the honor to work with Jane at Shoreline Pediatrics for 10 years. She was the most kindest and caring person I ever knew. She had such a strong faith. I watched her as she went through major illnesses and she always kept a positive attitude. She was a big part of our Peds Peeps group that has been getting together for over 40 years. I witnessed the respect she had from her co-workers and the providers she worked with. She was loved by all! I will miss you, Jane. I love you dear friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. ❤️



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JH

Joan Houchins August 1 at 3:11 PM

My lovely sister Jane was more of a Christian than anyone else I've ever known. She stayed with me for five months which she was fighting cancer. We'd say we're going on another adventure but we were going to doctors or hospital many days a week. It was a brutal schedule but I'd do it all again just to enjoy her company. We had lots of laughs and lots of tears but truly lived each other. I was gone for forty years so we had a lot to catch up on! She will be missed so much!! Love you Jane

LS

Lois Culver Stevens August 1 at 9:38 AM

I also was a peds. nurse at General Hospital many years ago. She was the best co-worker. Always positive, so kind and caring. Dr. Mikesell said it so well. Jane is truly someone I will never forget. Our Peds nurse group will never be quite the same.

MH

Mary Hayward August 1 at 6:33 AM

Godspeed, dear Jane. You were a blessing to me and all of us at Christ Community Congregational Church. You will be missed. Mary Hayward (and Ron, too)

DG

Dave And Tamera Gramza August 1 at 6:17 AM

All 3 of our boys had Jane as their pediatricians nurse - she was an amazing, gracious, calming presence always - and then I meet her on a DeColores weekend. What a treasure she was everyday, to everyone - a friend to all. Sending love and hugs to her family. Dave & Tamera Gramza

MD

Mary Drust August 1 at 4:50 AM

I had the honor of working with Jane daily at Shoreline Pediatrics for 10 years. We were all a close working family but Jane was the icing on the cake. She was an Angel here on earth and will continue that mission in her heavenly home. Soar high Janie and we will see each other again some day. Condolences to the family. May you find peace in knowing how much Jane was loved by all.

DE

Diane Engelman August 1 at 2:36 AM

Sending my deepest sympathy to Pat, Benjie, Tracy and family. I will always cherish the many memories shared with Jane. To have know Jane is to have know one of the very best! Rest in peace dear Jane! Your legacy will long live!

JE

Jolynna Edwards July 31 at 11:07 PM

This saddens my heart 😞 Jane was the best nurse from the time I can remember(now 44 years old) going to Dr.Mikesell's office. I can't express the impact that she has had on me let alone all of the patients she has seen over the years. Her job wasn't just a job to her and it showed time and time again. When going to the office from being sick or down to the boo-boos 😊 she knew how to help to make it all better. Jane put her whole heart and soul into the kids that's what made her the best nurse words can't even describe the person she was. A few weeks ago I seen her at my job she started to explain why she was being seen my heart sank to my toes as I to am fighting cancer so I knew exactly what she was going through as



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I'm thinking to myself why her why the best of the best as my eyes filled with tears and continued to listen walking her back to her room. I'm more than thankful that I spent those few moments with her gave her a hug and even a I love you from her God definitely knew what he was doing when he picked an angel like her. May you rest in peace Jane you will be missed by many.

ZE

Zina Ellsworth July 31 at 9:50 PM

Oh, Dr Mikesell you could have not said it better. We all loved her. May she rest in peace. Love you Janie.

JM

Joyce Black , Lpn, Mgh July 31 at 7:35 PM

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Joyce Black , Lpn, Mgh July 31 at 7:31 PM

Oh Jane , I didn't know! What a precious Friend you were to everyone!!! Your spirit will live on , you're free at last!!! ❤️

DK

Dawn Kulesza July 31 at 6:36 PM

I'm so very sorry to hear about Jane's passing. She was a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed. Much love to her family. Rest in Heaven Jane. You truly earned your wings. 💜🙏



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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