



Jan (Sabra) Martin

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Jan was born July 27th, 1961, and passed away on August 10th, 2023. She was the 4th child born out of 5. Jan was born and raised in Grand Rapids but spent the last 15 years of her life in the Muskegon area.

Her loved ones who passed before her include both of her parents, Eugene and Jewel Mullins of Kingsport, Tennessee, brother, Max Mullins, and niece, Emily James. Jan leaves behind her loving husband, Mike, two sons, Brad and Eric Sikkema, the greatest joy of her life, her only grandson, Connor Sikkema, stepsons, Jason and Jake Martin, siblings, John Mullins, Carolyn Kieda, and Kay Gleason, nieces, Krista Stites, Hayley (Ryan) Rusco, Meri (Zach) Mullins, Morgan (Robert) Spencer, Madeline Mullins, nephew, Chris (Nicole) Mullins, and great nephews Devin Mullins, Wyatt Mullins, Bobby Spencer, and great niece, Quinn Mullins, amongst many other loved relatives, friends, and coworkers.

Jan worked at many senior care facilities in the Muskegon area in the dietary department cooking the best food for the residents. One of Jan's passions was cooking for everyone, and she always added extra love. She also loved enjoying a nice meal with family and friends. Jan could often be heard saying "I can make that better!" when trying food. This made those around her laugh because they knew it was true.

In 2011, Jan became "Gramma Jan" with the birth of her only grandchild, Connor. She loved Connor more than life itself. She was always so proud of his accomplishments, creativity, and artistic talent. She loved bragging about what an awesome kid he was becoming, and how smart he was.

As a family, we would like to thank all the wonderful and caring nurses, doctors, and Gift of Life Staff at Trinity Health Hospital in Muskegon for taking such good care of Jan while she was there.

The family, friends, and coworkers of Jan are heartbroken at this unimaginable and unexpected loss. We know that Jan would want us to celebrate her beautiful life and memory with good food,



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laughter, and music (especially “Spirit in The Sky” by Norman Greenbaum). There will be a celebration of her life at a later date, to be announced on Facebook.

Jan was a friend to everyone she knew and met. She was the most loving, caring, kind, and forgiving person. She was always helping people whether it was making something delicious or lending a listening ear. If you want to honor Jan and keep her memory alive, donate blood if you are able (Jan was a regular donor throughout her life!), be kind to others, be giving, and be a better human. Simply put, to know Jan, was to love Jan.

Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com.

Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210.



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BK

Brian Kieda posted:

I knew Jan since she was 7 or 8 years old as her sister married my brother. Jan was a dear friend and a great person. She worked for my business Superior Catering for many years and was always a great worker with a smile and laugh. I was shocked to here of her passing and only found out yesterday. Godspeed to you Jan you will be greatly missed. Brian Kieda.

September 3 at 11:34 AM

KG

Kay (Mullins) Gleason September 4 at 4:07 PM

Hi Brian, thank you for posting that. We all appreciate your comments. It was so unexpected. We all miss her so much. Her celebration of life is 9-9, 3 pm at 13794 Ironwood Dr. NW, GR., if you are interested in coming.

KA

Karen posted:

Met Jan thru a group of friends, we had a lot of fun hanging out in the little house at Jan's. Riding around in Tommy's convertible fitting to many people in, Jan, Matt, Marybeth, Laurie and me ❤️ RIP my friend prayers for the family 🙏

August 28 at 4:44 AM

MW

Marybeth Wright posted:

I met Jan when I was about 7 and old enough to cross 4 mile rd. She was one month older than me and never let me forget it. We lived directly across from each other but in different school districts. We shared all of the same friends in our neighborhood and spent a lot of time playing as a group in the "woods" behind her house. It was a great time to be a kid. We all grew up and away, keeping both close and random contact with each other. Jan always had a positive outlook for the future and found joy in the moment. Family was deeply important to her. RIP my friend. Deepest sympathy to all her loved ones. Marybeth O'G

August 28 at 4:13 AM

SK

Sue Kline posted:

Always a favorite in my Brookhaven memories, Sabra-I will always love your name even if you didn't! Peace to you. Sue Kline

August 21 at 2:54 AM



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MM

Martha Moseler posted:

I Loved working with Jan she was an Amazing Friend when i would walk into the kitchen i would ask her about her grandson he's an Amazing Young Boy we would also talk about how she was gonna teach me how to crochet and i would say i already know Jan would tell me I'm gonna teach you a new way, She Will Be Missed Big Time

August 20 at 10:12 AM

SD

Sharon Derbyshire posted:

Jan was a values member of a Grand parents raising grandkids...She also helped admin the groupAlmost 4000 membersHow we all will miss herHow proud she was of Connor and his amazing artworkHer kindness sense of humour and common sense helping those in needHer love for everyone will never ever be forgottenLove you lady ...always

August 18 at 10:48 PM

JE

Jeannie posted:

The residents at Roosevelt Park and myself will dearly miss Jan. She loved to make big pots of soups for everyone and we loved it! She was a special woman.

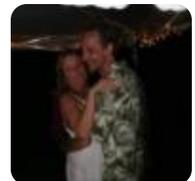
August 18 at 6:20 PM

MM

Michael Martin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jan was my everything..nothing will ever be the same without her..I love you always and forever ❤️

August 18 at 2:36 PM





Media

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Michael Martin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 18 at 2:36 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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