



Jan Peterson

January 23, 1942 - May 29, 2011

Pastor Janice Mae Peterson went home to meet her Lord May 29th, 2011, after a long battle with congestive heart failure, at the age of 69.

Jan was born in Denmark, WI, January 23, 1942 to Earl and Arline (Larsen) Peterson. She graduated from Denmark High School in 1960 and got a degree in home economics from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Jan worked for 13 years at Mirro Aluminum in Manitowoc as a Home Economist. She then felt a calling to the Ministry, went back to school, and graduated from St. Paul Seminary in MN in 1981.

She interned at Carrington, ND, where she fell in love with ND life. Jan was called to Luverne Lutheran Church and Hofva Lutheran Church where she spent her entire pastoral career. She retired from the Ministry in 2007. She had a great passion for serving the Lord and was a wonderful Pastor to all she knew. After retirement, Jan stayed in ND and moved in with her close friend, Jay Nitschke.

Jan enjoyed reading, attending book club, cooking and watching the cooking channel on TV. She also enjoyed gathering with family and friends to play games, as well as attending local drama productions and sports events. She also liked finding new flowers for Jay to plant in their gardens.

Jan is survived by 2 brothers and a sister-in-law, Lyle and Janice Peterson of Denmark, WI, Kevin Peterson of Chicago, IL; a sister, Lynn Paider of Mishicot, WI; 4 nieces and a nephew, Tammy and Tony Brunette, Debbie and Jerry Kralovetz, Lori and Doug Prevost, Gary and Carol Paider, and Kathy and

Heath Bohman; 12 great nieces and nephews, Meghan, Kevin, Cory, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Travis, Ashley, Leah, Lucas, Joey, Evelyn, and Tristan. She is also survived by Jay Nitschke, a close friend for many years of Jamestown, ND; an uncle, Harris Schlies; 2 aunts, June Larsen and Nancy Larsen; and many cousins and friends.

She had a very special place in her heart for all her nieces and nephews as well as her great nieces and great nephews. She was proud to perform many baptisms and weddings for them.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, George and Anna Larsen and August and Ella Peterson; and a brother-in-law, Ben Paider.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Luverne Lutheran Church
Luverne, ND

Visitation

JUN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church (Manitowoc)
Manitowoc, WI

Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church (Manitowoc)
Manitowoc, WI

Tribute Wall



“ Lynn and family,
You have my sympathy at this difficult time in the loss of your sister.
I was a classmate of Jan's in high school and have good memories
of her from those years, as always friendly and smiling. A loss to
many people.
Emily (Novak) Koslowski###imported-begin##Emily
Koslowski###imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 10:39 AM



“ We heard of the passing of a wonderful friend, Jan, from a cousin in
Jamestown, and now from Mary Steffen. Our hearts are aching for
the passing of Jan. She was such a loving part of our lives, through
her faith and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. She will be missed, but
we know she has gone home to paradise now. Bless you,
Jay!###imported-begin##Joy & Tim Mortensen###imported-end##

June 15, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ Jay, thinking of you & sending our sympathy to you & Jan's family. I
have wonderful memories of bible school, clowning, attending
church & potlucks, and Jan performing our wedding for us in 2001.
Bless you!
Karalee & Michael###imported-begin##Karalee Mortensen
Picard###imported-end##

June 15, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ I was blessed to know Pastor Jan as a friend and colleague during my years in North Dakota. Thanks be to God for the victory.##imported-begin##Rev. Ellen Arthur##imported-end##

June 07, 2011 at 08:07 AM



“ Thanks to Jan for all she did for our families. We will all miss her##imported-begin##Don & Nancy Leadbetter##imported-end##

June 03, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ Dear Jay, my heart goes out to you as you say good-bye to your dearest and closest friend. You have my sincere sympathy. Love you always...##imported-begin##Sheila Cummings##imported-end##

June 02, 2011 at 11:35 AM



“ Our loss is truly heaven's gain. Pastor Jan you will always hold a special place in my heart, for it is you that baptised me, confirmed my faith in our Lord and Savior, and established the groundwork to become a woman of faith. You were truly an amazing woman and will be missed by all. May God wrap his healing arms around all who mourn your loss, you will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Megan 'Jensen' White##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 06:45 PM



“ Jan, you are loved and greatly missed. Thank you for all your service to my family and myself. Forever in my prayers.
Myrtle###imported-begin###Myrtle Nelson###imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 05:39 PM



“ Jan, May God surround you with His love and peace during this time of loss. Know that you and Jan's family are in my prayers. God bless and comfort all of you during this time...Pastor
Mike###imported-begin###Rev. Mike Bishop###imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Jan was a dear and wonderful colleague of mine in the Mayville Conference. She spoke the unvarnished truth and I could always hear in her stories that she loved her congregation. When the church in Luverne burned down she wept that whole evening. I will remember her fondly and miss her dearly.###imported-begin###Pastor Paul Simmons###imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ May the good Lord be with you in your time of need. I know you will all miss Jan. We never know why God holds out his hand to our loved one, asks them to come home before we are ready for our loved one to leave this earth. You are all in my prayers. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Fran (Paider) Baugnet###imported-begin###Fran Baugnet###imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 11:35 AM



“ Sorry to see the passing of Jan . My prays are with You All. God Bless and take care .
Ronald Morgan##imported-begin##RRonald J. Morgan##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ To the family of Jan Peterson, you have our deepest sympathy. We have known the family for years and we are with you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Sharon and Dan Rezek##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 08:01 AM



“ My dear Jan, Ethan and I will miss you dearly. God Bless, you are a Very dear person. God has brought home one of his best.Love you always.##imported-begin##Joan Shroyer##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 12:11 AM



“ Please accept my sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Clifford Weixel##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tough time.
Kris(Suko) Mikkelsen, Mike, Emily, Noah , Grace, and Katie##imported-begin##Kris (Suko) Mikkelsen##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 08:05 AM



“ Jay.

Jan will always hold a special place in our hearts as I'm sure she is holding a special place in heaven right now. Words cannot describe our feeling of loss for you . So many memories. She was such a loving, caring, pastor and friend to us. May God comfort you and her family during this time. We love you!

Randy, Mary, and Kelby Jensen##imported-begin##Randy and Mary Jensen##imported-end##

May 30, 2011 at 08:45 PM