



Janet Paulson

January 7, 1944 - February 17, 2011

Janet Kay Curley was born on January 7, 1944 to Ella and Ethan Curley. She graduated from Thompson, IA and started working right out of high school. On November 30, 1963, she married John R. Paulson. They made their home in Iowa for 9 years before moving to North Dakota. They were with a custom combining crew that came to North Dakota and they both fell in love with the beautiful land, so they moved there.

She was a homemaker while the children were little and made many meals for the farmers that John worked for. Later on, she worked at Coast to Coast for 6 months. She then worked at Red Owl as the head baker for 3 years...that was her dream job! She loved baking. Later, she worked for the Leever's Super Valu bakery until she started working at VCSU as a custodian. She started out in the student center, then moved on to McCoy dormitory where she became a mother to many girls that loved her. From there she moved to the science building. It was said to be the cleanest building on campus. She worked there for 18 years before retiring in 2009. John and Jan enjoyed being retired together.

Jan was a 4-H leader for the Hobart Honeydews club for 12 years. Her hobbies included flower gardening, baking, being outside, spending time with her "other half" as she called him, her husband. She also had a hobby of spoiling her grandchildren.

She was friendly, loving, hard working, a friend to many, a devoted wife, mother, and Nana. She will be greatly missed by all.

Jan died at Mercy Hospital in Valley City on February 17, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, John; sons, John R. Paulson, Jr. and his girlfriend, Kelly Bowlin of Moorhead, MN and Shawn (Teresa) Paulson of Felton, MN; daughters, Holly (Micheal) Olauson of Valley City and Louetta (David) Hanson of Jordan, MN; grandchildren, John Andrew, Michael, and Alyssa Paulson, Dallas, Austen, Brandon, and Shawna Paulson, Jacob, Chelsey and Braeden Olauson, Hope and Jaden Hanson; brothers, Gene (JoAnn) Curley of Garner, IA and Bob Curley of Waconia, MN; sisters, Rosella Wubben of Thompson, IA, Gwen (Dave) Farrell of Olathe, KS, and Sandi (Bernie) Korsa of Garner, IA; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

FEB **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ My sympathies to Jan's family. I was so very lucky to have worked with Jan while a student at VCSU back in the 90s. I enjoyed the serious times along with the fun we had. It wasn't too long ago I ran into her in Walmart. Some of the grandkids were with - her eyes were lit up when talking about them. She was enjoying her time with them as well as her retirement. Jan was a very special person with whom I have many fond memories of my college years. May the Lord be with you all during this time of loss. Take care - thoughts to you all.##imported-begin##Becky (Ust) Elliott##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Jan's passing. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Jan's smile, laugh, and the peanut butter toast that she would make for our morning break when I worked with her in the dorms!!! Jan was always like a second Mom for me, and many others, at numerous 4H events growing up. Keep her memories close to your hearts.##imported-begin##Brenda (Griffin) Allan##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ Holly and family, our deepest sympathies at the loss of your Mom. I will always remember Jan from when I worked at the credit union. She always had a smile and was so kind. I see those same qualities in her children and grandchildren. We are praying for you during this difficult time.
Candace, Dan, Nathan, and Matthew Johnson##imported-begin##Candace Johnson##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Dear Paulson Family, it is with heavy heart that I extend my deepest sympathies in the loss of our dear Jan. To lose a wife, mother, grandmother and friend is a very hard cross to bear. I hope you lean on God and each other during this very difficult time. I worked with Jan at the Red Owl bakery many years ago. She and I shared many laughs in that little corner of the store! Once in awhile she would make a bakery "mistake" and the employees loved it because she was able to put it out on their break table for them to enjoy, which of course brought forth her signature smile. Every time I go into a bakery to this day I think of her. She was an absolute tireless worker and dedicated employee. But nothing was more important to her than her family. She would beam when she spoke of you all. We all knew that John was her soul mate and love of her life. We could see the love they shared whenever we saw them together. Keep her memories alive and close to your heart. She is our angel now. Thank you for sharing her with us. My thoughts are will you all. Barb Orner###imported-begin##Barb Orner###imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 12:38 AM



“ We are thinking of you all during this difficult time. The memories will keep you going, remember everything she did and all the fun times you had, it's a great time to look back. Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you.###imported-begin##The Newman's###imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 11:20 PM



“ *Louetta and family:*

Thinking of you and sending prayers your way during this difficult time. Stay strong!##imported-begin##Krista Halvorson##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ *Thinking of you all. So sorry for your loss. Call if you need any thing. She was a wonderful lady. Kari, Kevin & Mackenzie##imported-begin##Kunze's##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ *John and Kids.. there is not a time that I drive by VC on my way to Fargo that I do not remember your Mom as I drive by south of where they lived off the interstate. Your yard was the prettiest garden I have ever been invited to see with the fish pond and lily pads.. Your Mom, or Wife worked with me at Leever's while I was there and was indeed one of the nicest kindest people I have ever met. I am sorry to read of her passing and only good thoughts and prayers I extend to you. Jeanne Lacher Wobbema, New Rockford ND##imported-begin##Jeanne Lacher Wobbema##imported-end##*

February 20, 2011 at 06:44 PM



“ Dear Paulson family,
My heartfelt sympathy to your family during your time of sorrow and grief. I so enjoyed judging 4-H events with Jan. She was so proud of her family and it showed how much they loved her. She will be missed by many in the community. God bless all of you during this time.##imported-begin##Darlene Weshnevski##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 01:52 PM



“ Jan was such a dear lady. She always had a smile for everyone and never missed an opportunity to say hello when she saw a person in the hallways at VCSU. I will always remember her gentle and genuine personality. She will be missed. My prayers are with all of her family.##imported-begin##Janet E. Schultz##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ John, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May the love of God, family, friends, and the host of people you and Jan touched at VCSU sustain you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Ellen Chaffee##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ Thinking of you all, you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Heather Olsen##imported-end##

February 19, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Holly and the entire Paulson family,
You are in our constant thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry to
hear of your loss.
Katie & Ryan Pommerer family##imported-begin##Katie
Pommerer##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 11:08 PM



“ Paulson Family, Sending prayers to all of you. Jan was such a
special lady with a smile that could light up any room. I first met her
during her Red Owl days and became instant friends. Jan always
had a hug for me when I needed it most. She is now your guardian
angel looking down on all of you forever. May God hold you in his
strong hands during this time. He must have needed a great hugger
in heaven because he has the best in Jan. Take Care.##imported-
begin##Cindy Waagen##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ John, my sincere sympathies go out to you and your family. I will
keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Jan will be greatly
missed.##imported-begin##Deb Feuerherm##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 04:32 PM



“ Jan will be missed by so many. She was such a "good mother"
taking care of all of us in the VCSU Science Center. She kept the
building spotless and took great pride in her work. I enjoyed her
friendship, and our talks about gardening.##imported-begin##Alice
Beauchman##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 04:06 PM



“ *Holly and Family---*
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah and Calleigh Jo Rangeloff.##imported-begin##Sarah Rangeloff##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 03:28 PM



“ *Dear John and family,*
So sorry to hear of Jan's passing! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. I was a friend of Darci Bredeson and loved getting to know your family through her. Jan always had a smile and hug for me when I saw her. The world is definitely a little less bright without her.##imported-begin##Marilyn (Reidman) Geary##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ *Paulson Family,*
I am so sorry to hear of Janets passing- She was just ready to start enjoying life since her retirement!!! All the plans she had to spend more time with her children, grandchildren and her beloved husband, John. Every time I saw John and Janet together I saw the love they shared with each other and for each other. What a gift that is in this day and age. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Memories are the best thing!!!!##imported-begin##Jill Olson##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ *John, Louetta, Holly, Jr, Shawn, & Family*
I'm so sorry to hear about Jan. My heart goes out to you all. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Deepest sympathy, Laura & Bret Stringer###imported-begin##*Laura Stringer*###imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 11:36 AM