



Jeanette Brennan

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Jeanette Brennan 64 of Decatur died Sunday, September 3, 2006 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services celebrating Jeanette's life will be 11:00 AM Friday, September 8, 2006 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

Rock Springs Conservation Area, c/o Macon County Conservation District, 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL 62521.

Jeanette Brennan was born in Mt. Morris, Michigan on May 2, 1942, the daughter of Jim and Connie Burrows. Jeanette was the oldest and role model of four siblings. She received a Bachelors Degree in Education from Millikin University and a Masters Degree in Special Education from Illinois State University. One of her greatest joys in life was showing her students love and compassion throughout her 35 year teaching career. In her retirement she returned to teach part-time at Muffley School. She was the president of Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Organization of Women Educators from 1994 to 1996. Jeanette's sense of adventure lead to many special trips; whether it was nearby for an evening out with the friends, across country to see something she read about in a magazine, or around the world. Jeanette enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church with her husband. She married Terry Brennan in Mt. Zion on July 10, 1999.

She is survived by her parents, Jim and Connie Burrows, her husband, Terry Brennan, all of Decatur, her son, Michael Dondeville of Atlanta GA, daughter, Michele Galen Galloway of Chicago, stepson, Chris Karen Brennan of Chicago, stepdaughter, Megan Tracy Pendleton of St. Peters, MO, brother Jimmy Nancy Burrows of Lakewood, CO, and sisters: Debby Wilcox of Decatur and Becky Ted



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Kaatmann of St. Charles, MO. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Derek Dondeville, Ryan, Natalie, Jennifer and Kameron Galloway, Cole and Griffin Brennan and Paige and Trent Pendleton. She was a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Her family and many friends will miss her very much.

The family of Jeanette Brennan is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home.

View the on line obituary and send condolences to the Brennan family at

www.moranandgoebel.com.



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DR

Debbie Roberts posted:

Dear Terry, George and I are so sorry for your loss. Jeanette was one of the kindest women we know. I remember a couple of years ago when we were in the computer lab at Harris School, she had to log on and she smiled and said, "My password is my favorite person's name: Terry." It was so wonderful knowing you both loved each other so much. Please know we have been praying for you. Decatur, IL US

September 8 at 7:00 PM

BL

Bob & Carolyn Lamb posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Jeanette's passing. We had just visited with her at a Illiopolis Faculty gathering in June and she just looked great. It was so nice to see her. I worked at the school as the bookkeeper when she taught there and when you taught music/band. You probably don't remember me, but I remember you both. Again, you have our deepest sympathy. Bob & Carolyn Lamb Illiopolis, IL US

September 7 at 7:00 PM

VS

Vicky-Berg-Schum posted:

MICHELE AND FAMILY, I AM SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER. I MISS SEEING YOU. MY SINCERE SYMPATHY, LOVE YOU-VICKY SCHUM Decatur, Illinois, IL US

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JD

Jane Dobrinsky posted:

I can't do anything else right now, because I just found out a few hours ago, but to tell you all no one loved your wife, mom, sister, daughter or friend more than me. She was the only person in this world besides my mother that loved me and believed in me no matter what and helped me to fight and try to become the best person I could be. I was there when she raised her kids, I was there thru the heartaches. We all shared so much when she was one of the best damn teachers Illiopolis ever had. She was there to help me devour a bottle of B & B one night and insisted I stay on the couch. She was there to dump 1000, "100,000" dollar bars in my car one night. What a hoot that was! She was my friend no matter what and I loved her with all my heart and I am totally devastated beyond words and comprehension. Michelle, Michael, you know how much I have always loved you. What a tribute you are to your mother. I will always be here for you, all you have to do is call. Let's do all we can to keep your mom and all she stood for with all of us! As bad as it hurts I know she is in heaven with St. Francis and my dad taking care of Et Tu Brute, Snips, Elwood and all the other animals. She wouldn't have it any other way would she? Decatur, IL US

September 6 at 7:00 PM

MW

Maureen Wattelet posted:

Michele –We are so sorry to hear about your mom. We know what a difficult time this must be for you, we just lost our mom back in January. Your mom was a very special lady that we have so many good memories of when we were growing up together at school. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Wattelet Family Ben, Maureen, and Andrea San Diego, CA US

September 6 at 7:00 PM

LS

Lana Nelson-Stone And Ray Stone posted:

My husband and I have been friends with Debbie Wilcox since our sons became buddies in jr. high, almost a quarter of a century. During those years, we met and became acquainted with Jeanette, attending family celebrations, going out for musical evenings and dining. Jeanette was pretty and pleasant, and I'll remember her always for her warm, friendly personality. Take comfort in knowing that we never die as long as we live in the memories of family and friends. Decatur, IL US

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NJ

Nancy Johnson posted:

Terry and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Jeanette. She was absolutely the sweetest woman I ever knew. I worked with her at Harris for several years. I really enjoyed combining our classrooms and sharing ideas and hands. She will be greatly missed because her students and fellow teachers loved her. I hope you treasure her memories as I will to help ease your loss. May God give your his love and grant you his peace. Fondly, Nancy Decatur, IL US

September 5 at 7:00 PM

TS

Tracy Short posted:

Mr. Brennan, Toby and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mom told me what a great lady she was. May God give you comfort as you move through this time. May he also grant you peace. Tracy & Toby Short Collinsville, IL US

September 5 at 7:00 PM

MT

Mary Turner posted:

Jranette was a wonderfull person and will be missed very much Fairview, NC US

September 5 at 7:00 PM

RL

Rachael Lee posted:

Terry, There are no words to express the sorrow I feel. I will never forget how "fun" Jeanette was to be with. The trip to Japan was a blast and I won't ever forget when she fell and hit her head in the bathroom. For such a horrible thing to happen, we sure did laugh a lot!! My prayers are with you and with the family. Please call me if I can do anything for you. I'll see you soon. Rae Decatur, IL US

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CH

Carol Harding posted:

Dear Terry, Michael, & Michelle, I'm in total shock over the loss of your wife, mother, and one of my dearest friends, Jeanette. It didn't seem to matter how long the period of time was between our visits, we always enjoyed seeing each other & started chatting like we had just talked the day before. Jeanette & I got to know each other many, many years ago, and we helped each other get through some pretty rough times. Like I said before, it didn't matter how long it had been since we talked, if one of us needed something we always knew the other one would be there. We had so many good conversations together, and shared so many good memories. I will always miss her. I remember Michael when you were just a little boy, and your mother was going to school and coping with being a single parent. She had such determination to complete her degree and make a good life for the two of you. And Michelle, you and your mother were so close. She often talked about what a good mother you were, and how proud she was of your children and Michael's son. And Terry, you made Jeanette so happy these last few years. I'm so sorry you didn't have more time together. I can't tell you how sad I am about your loss, but just know I for one will never forget her. Sincerely – Carol Harding
Decatur, IL US

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RM

Roger&Claudia Metzger posted:

Dear Terry, Michael, Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Burrows Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this terrible time. Jeanette and I have been friends for forty years. We have shared many wonderful times together. When we would meet it was as if we had never been apart. I considered her a dear and wonderful friend. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and always had something to share about them. I will miss her so much. Decatur, IL US

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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