



## Janet K. Pauquette

March 21, 1949 - May 18, 2023

Janet Kay Pauquette (Carey) bloomed in her eternal garden on May 18, 2023, surrounded by her loving daughters. Janet was born to Rollin Vernell Carey and Ruth Lucile Carey (Randle) on March 21, 1949, in Clare, Michigan. She is survived by her daughters, Shawn (Edwin) Pauquette-Schalm of Clare, Carey Pauquette of Mount Pleasant, grandsons Dylan Schalm and Avery Schalm, her chosen daughter, Etta Strong, brothers Doug (Sherrie) Carey, Aaron (Laura) Carey, and Rick (Vicki) Carey and an abundance of cherished friends. Janet's smile lit up the room. Her warmth, charisma, wit, and infectious laughter drew people to her. Many friends went to her for guidance, advice, and a listening ear. She was Homecoming Queen of Clare Public Schools in 1967, then graduated with a teaching degree from Central Michigan University. She enjoyed a successful career teaching at Evart Public Schools for over 30 years. Janet strived to find creative and effective approaches to reach her students, especially those with challenges. She was an impactful educator and well-liked by her colleagues and students.

Her talent was also seen in the garden, where she created landscape art. She founded Nature's Expressions, her perennial and herb nursery in Barryton, operating for several decades. Her green thumb, innovative mind, and artistic approach to the nursery business were enjoyed by many throughout Central Michigan, while providing her with a creative outlet and her 'dream job'.

Janet's concern for the environment and support of environmental stewardship was passed on to her children. Raising her family with an

appreciation for nature and all it has to offer. Janet's grandsons became the center of her universe, bringing her immense joy. Both being gentle giants, they were best friends with G'ma Mott, inheriting her sarcasm, intellect, and love for nature. She inspired them to embrace adventure, care for people, and to respect the natural world.

Janet's superpower was nurturing people and plants. Her innovative style in the classroom, garden, and at home will be dearly missed. She radiated fun and a positive attitude, which will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Family and friends will gather at the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home in Clare, Michigan on Saturday, June 10, 2023, 11 a.m. for a visitation, followed by a moment of reflection at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served following at Janet's residence, 1612 Columbus Drive, Farwell, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy to support land conservation and public outreach regarding Michigan's natural resources. Also, remember Janet by performing simple acts of kindness for others, especially for children and individuals in need of support.

On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
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## Reflection

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ You were one of a kind! So thankful that our paths crossed. An excepting me into the family.  
My thoughts are with your family during this time an always..  
Fly free and high till we meet again..  
Karla Penzien- LaPorte

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**Karla Penzien-LaPorte** - June 12, 2023 at 06:43 PM

DL

“ A wonderful friend who I met when she lived a short time in Oregon and we have stayed in touch  
Ever since. Loved her dearly and will miss our chats on the phone we had a lot of good laughs. RIP my friend I will miss you 🥺🤔❤️  
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**Denise Lynch** - June 03, 2023 at 11:25 PM

RC

“ She is one of a kind. Couldn't ask for a better sister or a better friend. She's always been there for me and we could always talk about anything without worrying rather we would be hearing it later on. I could say anything to her no matter how weird or crazy because she knew that I was capable of saying anything and nothing I could say would surprise her. She could remember that when she first met me I couldn't talk and I couldn't even walk. She was alway there to give me a helping hand. She was always my little mother.

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**Rock Carey** - June 02, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Janet K. Pauquette.*



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May 31, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *She was my teacher when she taught at Evert Public Schools. I had her from 5th grade until I graduated from High School. She will be missed*

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**Kelly Gifford** - May 30, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Jennifer Hopp lit a candle in memory of Janet K. Pauquette*



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**Jennifer Hopp** - May 28, 2023 at 10:24 PM



*Shawn and Family,  
So very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Jen Hopp*

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**Jennifer Hopp** - May 28, 2023 at 10:26 PM

KG

“ Hi

*I am Kelly Gifford and Janet Pauquette was my teacher when I was in Evert School from 2nd grade through 12 Grade. I have so many memories of her. My favorite part of her was she would always help me and my friends with an assignment. I will miss her a lot. She also brought me my homework when I had surgery and I wasn't in school for a month. She was the best Teacher.*

*RIP Ms. Pauquette*

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**Kelly Gifford** - May 27, 2023 at 10:01 PM

RP

“ *We have many flowers around our yard that came from Janet. Her talent of gardening I will always cherish, Her smile loving character and kindness will always be remembered, what a wonderful neighbor, friend and teacher.*

*Richard Place*

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**Richard Place** - May 25, 2023 at 02:36 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Pearlman lit a candle in memory of Janet K. Pauquette*



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**Brenda Pearlman** - May 25, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ I had not seen Janet since high school, but we reconnected as friends on Facebook. On Facebook, she shared a remembrance about our time in art class where I made a ceramic pot for her that got her a good grade! That was a "feel good" post from her that made my day. I will miss her on Facebook. RIP Lovely Lady!

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**Joe Casteel** - May 24, 2023 at 06:18 AM

BH

“ My heart is with her kids and her brother's families during this difficult time. A beautiful woman inside and out. Gone too soon but never forgotten. RIP Pioneer Queen!

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**BRUCE HALES** - May 23, 2023 at 04:57 PM

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“ What can be said of a long-time friend? She will be missed by so many. Holding you in my heart, Shawn and Carey💕💔

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**Sarah Gray (Corky)** - May 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM

CP



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**Carey A Pauquette** - May 24, 2023 at 09:08 PM

KE

Hey Carey. Is there a way we could talk. I am trying to deal with the loss of your mom but it hurts. Your mom was my favorite teacher when I was in school.

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**Kelly** - June 07, 2023 at 10:30 PM

KR

“ We didn't see Janet alot but when we did she was always super nice to us, Her smile made you feel good! So sorry for your loss.  
*Ken and Cindy Rulapaugh*



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**Ken and Cindy Rulapaugh** - May 23, 2023 at 01:53 PM

WR

“ Rick and Vickie, My thoughts and prayers to your family in this sad time.

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**Wanda Roberts** - May 23, 2023 at 10:28 AM