



Jennifer W. Youker

June 22, 1947 - May 10, 2023

Jennifer Wierman Youker, age 75, of Gobles, Pine Grove Twp., passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Ascension Borgess, Allegan. Jennifer was born June 22, 1947 in Geneva, IL, the only child of John Mason Youker and Dorothy (Morgan) Youker, both of whom preceded her in death. Jennifer grew up in the Wheaton, IL area, graduating from Wheaton Christian Grammar School and Wheaton Central High School. She lived and worked in the City of Chicago before moving to Michigan in 1973. In Michigan, she transcribed court proceedings for area court reporters for several years before becoming employed in 1989 as the Assistant Librarian at the Gobles Branch of the Van Buren District Library, where she worked until 2019. Jennifer attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College part time, earning an Associate in Arts Degree. Many thanks to all those who were extra kind and helpful to Jennifer and her parents along the way; you know who you are. Following her wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place Friday, May 19th, 1PM at Pine Grove Cemetery, Pine Grove Twp., MI, Memorial donations may be made to Heifer International Foundation or a charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmlillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Paulson Rd. West of 29th St.
Gobles, MI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ My cousin, Jennifer, was a quiet force. Jennifer and her mom (Aunt Dort) were a big part of our family in Michigan. They were always invited to get together at Brandywine Lake. After both our moms were gone we lost touch for a while. When we started having family dinners again she was happy to be invited. She and Victor were regular guests. We will miss her pigtails!

Marcy Sonntag Becker - May 15, 2023 at 01:49 PM

EJ

“ I have known Jennifer most of my life. Jennifer was one of the nicest people I ever knew, she lived a peaceful life. I would help her out with needs around her home and mow her lawn and upkeep her place for many years. It always was good visiting with her during these visits. Rest in peace dear friend, enjoy heaven because I know you are there!

Ed Jeschke - May 13, 2023 at 07:34 AM

NC

“ I got to know Jennifer in 2019 when I began working for the Van Buren District Library, and in large part she was responsible for training me (and several others) to properly complete many of the tasks required of library staff. My previous work experience was not library-related, so I had many geeky questions that she patiently answered. To this day when shelving books I always think of the rules she taught me. She kept these and the details of other more esoteric (circulation software) procedures perfectly documented for her own reference in a bundle of small cards, noted in her extremely neat printing. She was meticulous but also didn't take herself too seriously. These are qualities I admire, so I used to tell her that she was my role model. They likely helped her to successfully navigate the thirty years of management and technological changes she would've witnessed during her VBDL career. She had a dry sense of humor and especially appreciated puns and wordplay. For example, I once processed a MeL request made by a patron from another library system whose (alleged) name was Ted E. Bear. When I saw that name, I knew at once that Jennifer would also find it amusing and could barely wait to show it to her when she arrived for her shift.

NINA CONSOLATTI - May 12, 2023 at 05:06 PM

EJ

Very nice memory, Nina!

Ed Jeschke - May 13, 2023 at 07:27 AM

RS

We need to hear from Victor, a friend of Jennifer whose phone and email address we've lost. Thanks. Rex and Chris.

r schneider - May 14, 2023 at 05:02 PM

SW

I just learned of Jennifer's passing. I had been texting her the past week and my last message was May 9th when I told her to get some rest. I am so sorry to have missed saying goodbye, but we had so many hellos that I hope our friendship has enriched her as I have been made more human through knowing her. May Jennifer know nothing but joy in her new life.

shirley whitt - May 19, 2023 at 08:55 PM

EJ

Shirley, we tried to get ahold of you to tell you about Jennifer's passing, but we just couldn't seem to get the right information! Ed

ed Jeschke - May 27, 2023 at 07:30 AM

VJ

Lady Jen and I talked with each other for an hour every night for nearly three years. She spent many nights sleeping on our sofa at my place near Dumont lake. We danced in my sunroom to the song "Hard Work". A gathering at Jen's house allowed me to have the honor of meeting Chris Buchman and Rex Schneider. Two very talented creative men.

Jen and I talked about Shirley and Betty and Dale and Ed. At some point I asked if I could adopt her as my new sister. That's how I became one of her cousins.

Crazy but, beautiful.

I've met her cousins at there place on Brandywine lake ...beautiful people.

My son Steve and I will miss her. But, we have many delightful memories.

Vic Jackson

Victor A. Jackson - June 09, 2023 at 05:00 PM