

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Janet Arthur

1948-2021

Janet Arthur, 73, passed away on January 31, 2021, after a battle with COVID-19.

"For those fortunate enough to have known her, you will lovingly agree that Mom never met a stranger," says her daughter, Jolene. "You could be standing in line anywhere, waiting, and by the time you were done you would know her life story and she would know yours as well. If you were lucky enough to run into her later, she would ask how you were and how your family members were, calling them by name."

Janet was born in Union City, Indiana, on January 22, 1948, to the late Richard and Mary (Riley) Addington.

For nearly 40 years, she worked at Bloomington Hospital, where she filled a variety of positions, including as a certified nursing assistant, as materials coordinator, and in the medical records department. Beginning in 1977, Janet also worked part time as a tax preparer.

"She charged next to nothing," says Jolene. "Mostly, that was her way of catching up with her yearly friends."

At the time of her death, Janet served as administrative assistant at Bloom Magazine, where her generous demeanor and easy way with people made her an essential part of the Bloom team.

"She was so proud to be part of the Bloom staff," says Jolene. "She so loved working with everyone there."

And the feeling was mutual. "We all loved Janet," says Malcolm Abrams, Bloom editor and publisher. "She was smart, energetic, hard-working, and fun to be around."

Janet's love of people kept her busy. An avid Indiana University sports fan, she worked as an usher for both football and men's basketball games, which afforded her an excellent view of the game and the opportunity to meet new people. And for 35 years, she organized a local bowling league, which met every Monday night for most of the year.

A long-time member of Clear Creek Christian Church, Janet sang in the choir and was an active participant in the Walk to Emmaus—an annual three-day experience of Christian spiritual renewal.

An involved and loving grandmother, Janet was a regular attendee at her grandchildren's sporting and school events. She regularly joined her family for game nights and loved Sudoku puzzles.

"Mom was quick and easy to forgive and had a bigger heart than most," says Jolene. "She always saw the best in people. She was energetic and lived a life full of love and laughter."

Janet is survived by her sons, Jeffrey (Nanci) Carpenter and Jeremy (Kari Fidler) Carpenter; her daughter, Jolene (Marty) Dixon; her grandchildren, Tyler and Jake Dixon, Jeremy Daab, Shawna Zack, and Jade Dawes; one sister, Joyce (Jeff) Tharp; and two brothers, Dick (Deb) Addington and Clint (Jalean) Addington.

"It would be impossible to summarize her beautiful life," says Jolene. "There are so many stories to share: the friends she made, the experiences she had, the full life she lived. She truly loved people and all life had to offer."

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