



Janice F. Ricks

July 14, 1946 - March 5, 2021

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Janice F. Ricks passed away at 10:33 a.m. on Friday March 5, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton. She was born July 14, 1946 in Alton the oldest daughter of the late F. W. Pivoda Jr. and Betty Westbrook Pivoda. She married Michael L. Ricks on March 20, 1970. He survives. She graduated from Alton High School in 1964, and earned her B.A. at SIUE, graduating in 2006. She was employed by The Wall Street Journal, the Graduate School of Business at The University of Chicago, Owens Illinois Machine Manufacturing, and the Alton City Clerk's Office, finally retiring as administrative assistant at The Episcopal Parish of Alton. She was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. A talented vocalist, in her early college days she played the guitar and performed folk music, twice winning the SIUE Talent Show. She also appeared in several plays at the university, with lead roles in Sheridan's The Rivals, and Bell, Book and Candle. Later in life, she loved singing old standards and blues with several music groups in the Alton area. She is survived by her husband of fifty years, Michael, as well as her devoted son, Stephen M. Ricks, of whom she was exceedingly proud, and his lovely wife, Megan Dona Ricks. She also is survived by her beloved young grandsons, Milo Harrison Ricks and Brody Lyle Ricks, as well as three sisters who were her dearest friends, Margie Ann Ritter (Col. Pat Ritter), Carol Marie Melton and Connie Jean Pivoda (SUMPS forever!). She had many cousins living

throughout the U.S. but was particularly close to her cousins Steve and Dave Schulte. Also, especially dear to her were her husband's cousins, Rand and Denise Boettger and Lynn Dillow. At her request, her remains will be cremated. Family services will be private. Memorials may be given to these organizations: Crisis Food Center, The Piasa Palisades Chapter of the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity or the Treehouse Wildlife Center. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice F. Ricks*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Janice F. Ricks*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Michael, we were sorry to learn of Janice death. We will remember her and her help on our book sales. God bless and keep you. Tom and Susan Wilkinson*

SUSAN WILKINSON - March 12, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Michael and family,
My heartfelt condolences to all of you on Janice's passing. It was a pleasure working with Janice for almost 16 years at the church and in that time I learned how proud she was of her family. She shared many stories of the good times you had together. Wishing you peace in the days ahead and praying that the loving memories you have of your times together will bring you comfort to forever hold in your heart!*

Luann Mikoff - March 10, 2021 at 07:31 PM

JD

“ Rick and family I am so sorry for your loss. Janice will always be remembered for her professionalism and expertise when working for The Episcopal Parish of Alton. She was so missed when she retired. Rest in peace dear Janice.

Sincerely,

Jean Downey

Jean Downey - March 09, 2021 at 08:17 AM

DM

Janice did a wonderful job of taking care of us at the Episcopal Parish of Alton. So kind, so efficient and dependable, and cared for us all. She was always so dependable and so, so kind. Sincerely, Diane Martin

Diane Martin - March 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM

SP

“ Mick and families,
Please accept our prayers and condolences on the loss of Janice. I always liked her friend smile and kindness she shared with all.

Sincerely,

Susie (Henesey) and Rohland Pruetzel

Susie Pruetzel - March 08, 2021 at 11:24 PM

JP

“ What a joy to have shared your intelligence, laughter, and warmth, Janice.

John Pleimann - March 08, 2021 at 12:10 AM