



Janet Rose (Richard) Sturges

October 19, 2017

She is survived by her son, Paul Sturges, Jr. of Fitchburg and her daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Michael Earley of Lancaster. Janet cherished her only grandchild, Olivia.

Janet was born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Benjamin J. and Jeannette I. (Labbe) Richard. Janet was one of seventeen children.

She leaves her sisters Joann Richard, Linda Riley, Annette Purcell, Elaine Patty, and Barbara Richard. In addition, she leaves her brothers Arnold Richard, Ernest Richard, Wayne Richard, and Edward Richard. Janet was also a proud aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers Benjamin J. Richard II, Robert Richard, Frank Richard, and Leonard Richard, Joseph Richard as well as two sisters, Carolyn Richard and Suzette Leblanc.

After many years at home with her children, Janet worked as a seamstress until she became an administrative assistant in 1984 at MCI Shirley. She earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Mount Wachusett Community College. With hard work and determination, she rose to the position of Parole Officer at the Souza Baranowski Correctional Facility. Janet

was known for her empathy and compassion, which she shared with everyone she encountered. She retired in 2012 because of her illness.

Janet spent much of her life caring for her children. She volunteered in their classrooms and scouting activities. She continued these activities when she became a grandmother to Olivia. As a Mémé, she enjoyed taking Olivia to Friendly's, reading to her, and watching her dance. Throughout her life, Janet was an avid reader and gardener. She loved being outdoors camping and kayaking with her best friend, Joyce Kaulback. Her summer vacations in Ogunquit, Maine, included daily walks on The Marginal Way.

She was a remarkable seamstress, making doll clothes and clothing for her children. Many of the children in her family were welcomed into the world with a sweater Janet knitted by hand. Later in life, Janet spent her Friday nights swing dancing with a group of friends.

Janet's children would like to thank the caregivers at Leominster Crossings and Brookhaven Hospice for their compassionate care of their mother during the last three years of her life. She lived her final years with dignity because of the people who cared for her.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ I just came across Janet's obituary and I am so so sorry. I worked with Janet at MCI Shirley. I am at a loss for words. She was a great person and I was proud to know her. I send my prayers to her family. Janet may you rest in peace.

Anita Collins - December 02, 2017 at 12:41 PM

DR

“ Janet you were an amazing, creative person and you had a loving heart and soul. You will greatly be missed. You left us to be in a better place, yet you will always be with us in our hearts.

DONNA RICHARDSON - October 22, 2017 at 09:36 PM

JR

“ Janet was a loving soul, she always made you feel welcome and helped whenever she could. She is now an angel, able to look down and see her family on earth. Her body may have left us but her love for her family will never be far away. She loved her children and will be watching from above. Now that she no longer suffers from human frailty she can see the color of the leaves, the tears and smiles on your faces and the love in everyone's hearts. Our loss is Heavens gain. Pray and she will hear you. Pay attention and she will answer you. My sympathies for the sadness we all feel because she's sharing time with her mom instead of us.

Joyce Richardson - October 22, 2017 at 08:38 PM

EE

“ Janet and I used to go Ice skating at the rink, see movies at Bradleys (so called Mall) and in general, always had a good time. She will be missed by many!!

Eddie Engebretson - October 22, 2017 at 01:28 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry.

Lisa Mary Sama - October 21, 2017 at 12:09 PM

WP

“ Janet will always be remembered and missed by Elaine and I. She always put her family first and took care of her mother and siblings and offered her time when in need. When Elaine had her health issues she was always supportive to Elaine and took time to help when she was in need. We will miss our visits to Leominster and glad we had some time with her to try and comfort her in her time of need. ❤️ soul strength kindness is how we will remember her

Love Bill, Elaine, & Keith

William Patti - October 21, 2017 at 11:58 AM

DH

“ R.I.P. my dear sweet friend. You'll always be in my heart. I'm keeping P.J., Kim and Olivia in my thoughts and prayers to get them through this tough time ahead, you'll be so missed! May the arms of God surround you and keep you safe forever.
God Bless You Honey... Your friend, Doreen

Doreen Y Herr - October 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

BR

“ P,J and Kimmy so sorry fr you loss Just now she is with her Mom & dad and the Brothers and Sisters that went before her and she is meet with open arms. She will be missed very much Love you all and my Prayers are with you All Gd Bless Anutie Barbie
OXOXOXOX

Barbara Richard - October 21, 2017 at 07:16 AM

AC

“ *My condolences to Paul and the rest of the Family*

Anthony Cervassi - October 21, 2017 at 05:17 AM

LT

“ *Our condolences to the family. RIP*

Lynn and Rachel Thompson - October 20, 2017 at 11:24 PM

AH

“ *Condolences to the family. RIP*

Al and Gigi Haase - October 20, 2017 at 11:10 PM

HM

“ *R.I.P. PRAYS FOR THE FAMILY.*

H.P. Marshall - October 20, 2017 at 10:50 PM

AK

“ *Janet was such a good sister to Arnie and helped him so much after their mother passed away. I'm so glad we had such a nice visit with her, when we went to see her in the Care facility. She will be sadly missed, and can now rest in peace. My heart goes out to you and your Family.*

Arnold Richard & Susan Kelley - October 20, 2017 at 09:48 PM

EP

“ So sorry Kim and PJ , mom loved you guys more than life . I will miss my sisters long talks and wisdom / advice . But so it goes God only takes the best . Love you both . Your mom will be missed by many .

Aunt Elaine

Elaine Patti - October 20, 2017 at 06:35 PM