



Janice R. Raetz

October 27, 1950 - August 6, 2016

PORT SANILAC- Janice R. Raetz, age 65, a resident of Port Sanilac, Forester Township passed away on Saturday August 6, 2016 at the McLaren Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron.

She was born on October 27, 1950 in Carsonville a daughter of Ray C. and Virginia M. (Kirkendal) Massman. Janice married Robert I. Raetz on July 9, 1973 in Port Sanilac. He preceded her in death on December 27, 2015.

Janice worked for DOT Manufacturing in Deckerville for over 30 years and lately with CENA as a nurses aid at the Medical Care Facility in Sandusky. Janice loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed four wheeling, snowmobiling, family vacations and just about anything that allowed her time with her family.

Janice is survived by her three children Robert Ray (Angie) Raetz of Forester, Carmella (Ruben) Saldana of Palms, and Monica Raetz of Forester. Her mother Virginia M. Massman-Mach of Port Sanilac. 8 grandchildren Madeline and Wade Saldana, Olivia and Ian Espinoza, Jasmine, Izabell, Lillian and Graden Raetz. A brother William (Tammy) Massman of Carsonville.

She was preceded in death by her father Ray C. Massman and her brother Grant Massman.

Visitation will be from 11-1 P.M. on Tuesday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville. Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. Tuesday afternoon at the funeral home. Pastor Ellen Burns will officiate.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ My condolences to the Raetz and Massman families. I've had the pleasure of working with Janice for 1.5 years. At Sanilac Count Medical Care. I started to get to know her when she was returning from her foot surgery. Right away, I could tell she was forthright in her stubborn appeal and had ability to disc hugs! This beautiful to the soul of a lady had this amazing straight shooter personality!

This lady truly used the talents she was given! On many levels she was an extreme logical thinker. During this essence of time which I got to know here, though completely exhausted she was a warrior! She accepted the allegiance she had with her family as to the care that was needed to be done at home! This is so rare but also, she was a person who gave her all at work!! In her, she only knew to do her best, it would always be her absolute best!

She was a Momma bear! She doesn't back down from what she knew was right

If you tried to mess with them (namely grandchildren), you better plan to hear her roar!! I remember saying to her, " look at me - could I be one of your grandchildren? She never said "NO ", though she never said "Yes " either. Figured I had a fighting chance. If the going got entangled at work we may be caught saying WWJD? Or, What Would Janice Do?

Also my child live outside of Michigan and I'd love to hear her tales of day to day living in her household at and around the dinner table!! To all her loves, nothing made her happier then you presence! You must know you will always get to carry that spirit in you!! May you find peace in the amazing quality of memories built like a sturdy bridge to carry your soul! Success isn't about how much money you make it's about the difference's we make in the lives of others!!

See even when we was nearing the end of time with her, she still showed so much

and found ways to make us all laugh! She had a special place in her heart for budding new CENA's! These gals were comfortable with her!! I watched many a times as they'd take a moment and talk to

her cause she truly listened (offered advise) to them! They got it, School of hard knocks style too!!

In the end it's not the years in our lives that count it's the life in our years! You see, I loved her too! A living legacy to many, such a rare gem, she will be dearly missed!

Suzette Glaza - August 18, 2016 at 05:35 PM

SM

“ *Such a nice photo of Janice here. I was lucky to get to know her and Bob and your whole family when Virginia & Casey married. Janice reigned over a home of hospitality and kindness. Janice maintained an amazing schedule of work plus cooking, gardening, childcare, family care. Time changes everything, but not our happy memories of Janice. -Steve Mach*

Steve Mach - August 11, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ *Always felt welcomed there. Will miss visiting. Sorry for your loss. Both will be missed. Jeff/Vicki Mach.*

Jeff/Vicki Mach - August 08, 2016 at 08:43 PM

KC

“ *To the Raetz and Massman Families -- Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Janice loved and took care of her family. She shared her kindness through strawberries, canning goods and visits. I was fortunate to share stories, laughs and friendship with Janice when she visited Virginia and Casey. Love to your Families -- Kathy Chwilka*

Kathy Chwilka - August 08, 2016 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ *Bill, Tammy and Family: Our condolences to you and your family for your loss during this difficult time.*

Dennis & Luann McIntire - August 08, 2016 at 12:03 PM

SG

“ *Suzette Glaza sent a virtual gift in memory of Janice R. Raetz*



Suzette Glaza - August 07, 2016 at 07:17 PM

SG

“ *Suzette Glaza lit a candle in memory of Janice R. Raetz*



Suzette Glaza - August 07, 2016 at 07:16 PM

KM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss, she was truly a remarkable woman. Her memory will forever live within each of us. Love and prayers, Kim and Matthew*

Kim Matthew Massman - August 07, 2016 at 07:01 PM

MD

“ *Dear Family, Sorry for the loss of your Mom and Grandma our prayers are with you. Love Leonard and Melanie*

melanie day - August 07, 2016 at 04:42 PM