



Jana W. Van Buren

March 10, 1964 - May 6, 2017

ADRIAN, MICHIGAN – Jana W. Van Buren, age 53 of Adrian, Michigan, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2017, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, after struggling for years with common variable immune deficiency.

Born March 10, 1964, in Mobile, Alabama, she was the oldest daughter of Paul and Jane (Odom) Williamson. She was a member of the graduating class of 1982 at Parkview High School in Lilburn, Georgia, and attended Reinhardt College.

On July 19, 2003, Jana married Jerald “Jay” Van Buren, Jr. in Blissfield, Michigan, and he survives.

Jana met her future husband while working for an insurance broker in Georgia. After Jay persuaded her to move to Adrian, Michigan, Jana’s southern charm and outgoing personality made it easy for her to quickly find a wonderful group of friends. She loved her work in the home healthcare industry for Senior Helpers, and more recently for Right at Home where she was their outreach coordinator. After losing a grandmother to Alzheimer’s, Jana worked passionately to raise funds for research. She served as Past Chairman for the Lenawee County Walk to End Alzheimer’s. She was also a member of KKE Sorority. Jana’s favorite pastimes were the culinary arts, flower arranging and gardening.

Jana treasured her family and will be greatly missed by those surviving including her parents, Paul and Jane Williamson of Louisville, Kentucky,

husband, Jay; their children, Josh and Jewel; a sister, Paula (Chip) Evans of Louisville, Kentucky; her in-laws, Dr. Jerald and Janet Van Buren, Sr. of Adrian, Michigan, Jeff (Beth) Van Buren and Jodie (Mark Gilbert) Paster, both of Blissfield, Michigan; and her nieces and nephews, Mallory, Grace, Avery, Jack, Emma, Jacob, and Jenna.

Jana was preceded in death by her grandparents, Grady and Gladys Jewel Williamson, Sr. and Oscar and Minnie Odom, Sr.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2017, at Element Church, Adrian, Michigan, with her brother-in-law, Pastor Chip Evans and Pastor Gayle Ruble, Jr. officiating. Burial will be private at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may visit the family Wednesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home.

Contributions in Jana's memory are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Element Church
1002 W. Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI 49221

Tribute Wall



“ *Jana W. Van Buren*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Ms. Van Buren. May the words Jesus Christ spoke, promising a resurrection, comfort you and your family at this difficult time. (John 11:25) Warm Regards, Kay*

Kay B. - May 21, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *I met Jana when she worked at Weber Center at the Adrian Motherhouse. She was so excited about the plans of adopting Josh from Russia.... and then Jewell! We talked a lot about international adoption and how important it was to her to teach her children their country of origin customs and language - as I too was an Internationally adopted child. I always admired Jana for that ... my prayers and love to you Jay - Josh and Jewell!
Sister Aneesah McNamee*



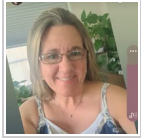
Aneesah McNamee - May 11, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sincerely, Dan and Rose Hudson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



Sincerely, Dan and Rose Hudson - May 10, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ *I meant Jana when we worked at the hospital, I looked forward to chatting with her or as we would joke around, always kind full of joy. Broke my heart to see this. My prayers are with the family you have my deepest sympathy.*
Shelley Meska Hartman

Shelley Hartman - May 10, 2017 at 06:15 PM

RK

“ *To Jay and Family,*
So very sorry to hear this news. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Cherish the memories of Jana.

Take care,
Randy & MaryLynn Krichbaum

Randy Krichbaum - May 10, 2017 at 11:41 AM

LD

“ *LOVE GAIL & DOODER purchased the Heaven Woodgrain Music Box for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



LOVE GAIL & DOODER - May 10, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



May 09, 2017 at 09:40 PM

FC

“ *From Style Crest purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



From Style Crest - May 09, 2017 at 11:15 AM

SO

“ *Jana was my secretary for a year while waiting the arrival of Jewel. She was always beautiful and upbeat to be with, and she enjoyed entertaining and talking about her family. May they be surrounded with love and courage as they face the days ahead.*



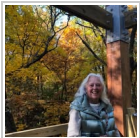
Sr. Nancy Murray OP - May 09, 2017 at 01:24 AM

NM

“ *Natalie Moore purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*

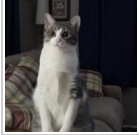


Natalie Moore - May 08, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ *God speed, Jana! We will miss you!*

Mary Kilgore Vallad - May 08, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ *Jana was one of the kindest persons. I did not know her very well but she always spoke when we passed one another while at Reinhardt. She really never met a stranger. She was the epitome of Southern Belle. She will be greatly missed by many. God bless her family, may you have the peace that passes understand.* ”



Nancy Ransom - May 08, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.* ”



May 08, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.* ”



May 08, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.* ”



May 08, 2017 at 01:33 PM

WF

“ *William E Chase & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



William E Chase & Family - May 08, 2017 at 10:57 AM

YF

“ *Your Accident Fund Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



Your Accident Fund Family - May 08, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold forever in your hearts.*
Jennifer Hamacher

Jennifer Hamacher - May 08, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.*



May 08, 2017 at 07:56 AM

SP

“ Sherry and Buddy Porter purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.



Sherry and Buddy Porter - May 07, 2017 at 09:48 PM

MS

“ I don't think I ever saw her with out that gorgeous smile.

Marty Schoonover - May 07, 2017 at 09:10 PM

 Sherri DeCapria

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Jana.....I know she was struggling with her health.....I will miss seeing her posts and pictures of her family..... Sherri Hall DeCapria, Reinhardt College '83

Sherri DeCapria - May 07, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jana W. Van Buren.



May 07, 2017 at 06:07 PM