



Janette G. Keplinger

August 9, 1938 - August 24, 2023

Janette Gale Keplinger, affectionately called "Turtle" or "Hon", 85, lost her battle with dementia on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at Anchor Communities II in Brandon.

Jan was born on August 9, 1938 in Williamson, W. VA to the late Glada Smith, and Clyde Nowlin. Jan left high school in her 11th year and obtained her HSED in 1980, she went on to complete business courses and became an accomplished Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police in Margate FL. Jan and her late husband, Richard Shaw relocated to Murphy, NC in 1983 where she became a Legal Assistant at McKeever, Edwards, Davis and Hayes, Richard passed away that same year. Jan met Steve Keplinger in 1986 and married in 1987 at which time they moved to Fond du Lac as Steve accepted employment with Wisconsin Central / CNN as a Brakeman and later an Engineer. Jan worked for F.A.C.E.S. for many years in Administration, then continued in Customer Service. She was 79 and employed as a Legal Assistant for Doug Ondrasek Law Office when she was forced to retire in 2017, shortly after Steve's passing, as she suffered what would be the first of many strokes. Jan's health continued to decline as she suffered from vascular dementia and was placed into assisted living in 2021 due to having multiple falls.

Jan was devoted to her family, always loved being surrounded by them, and is

survived by her daughter, Nikki Ferriol, granddaughters Chrystina and Kayla Ferriol, great-grandsons Shea Paape and Oliver Uecker, brother Walter Olschewske, and many nephews and nieces.

Jan was a graceful, beautiful, compassionate, and loving woman who was adored by all. Jan is preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard C. Shaw (1965-1983), husband F. Stephen Keplinger (1987-2017), and younger brother Robert Olschewske.

VISITATION: Jan's family will welcome friends on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street in Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial services will be held at 1:00 PM, at Kurki Funeral Chapel, with Chaplain Karen Kraus officiating. Please wear bright colors, Jan would want it that way.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking memorials be directed to The Alzheimer's Association.

The family wishes to thank staff at Anchor Communities II for the love, support, and compassionate care they gave Jan as well as Wolski, her beloved grandpup. A very special thank you to the Hospice Team from Generations for providing only the highest level of care and support to the family. May God's blessings be upon these angels of mercy.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I’m am so sadden to have learned of Jan’s passing. She was such a delight to take care of while I was with Anchor Communities. I will always remember her quick wit and sense of humor. Oh boy how she scolded me when she thought I was working to hard and always insist that I sit down in her room and take a break. She was a beautiful person and a beautiful soul. She will be missed. My deepest condolences to Nikki and the rest of the family.
Valerie B

Valerie B - September 11, 2023 at 07:50 PM