



Jean M. Gudex

May 30, 1954 - January 11, 2021

Jean "Jeannie" Marie Gudex, 66, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2021 at St. Agnes Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 30, 1954 in Fond du Lac to Terry and Geraldine Gaffney. Jeannie graduated from St. Mary Springs High School in 1972. She married the love of her life, Leonard "Lenny" Gudex on May 25, 1974. They were married 46 years and would have celebrated their 47th anniversary this year. Jeannie worked in healthcare for nearly 25 years, with the duration of her career at All About Life or Crossroads in Fond du Lac. She raised three healthy boys who were active in sports and kept her on her toes. There have been known to be a couple of incidents over the years that could have given her a few gray hairs. As one can imagine, there are many stories. Jeannie was also a Mom to many of the boy's friends, most of whom called her "Mama Gudex". It was always an open-door policy at the Gudex home. Having a houseful of boys, Jeannie often enjoyed spending time with her daughter-in-laws and tended to even side with them on occasion. After retiring, Jeannie enjoyed traveling to Michigan with Lenny to take in the beautiful fall colors and being "Nana", spoiling her grandkids.

Family was the center of Jeannie's life. She would often say "there is nothing more important than family" and truly was the protector. Jeannie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family, and friends. COVID made this difficult, but she was able to spend time virtually with them. Most of you who know Jeannie, would know she was the life of the party. She had soul and

even a little sass. It was not unusual for Jeannie to grab a microphone and sing "Proud Mary". Yes, even Tina Turner style. For those familiar, you could almost set the time during the night when this would happen. She had the warmest heart and spirituality was also important to her. To say she will be missed is an understatement. There are many heavy hearts. Heaven gained a very special angel.

Jeannie is survived by her husband Leonard Gudex of Fond du Lac. Three sons: David (Samantha) Gudex; Jeffrey (Brenda) Gudex all from Fond du Lac; Craig (Amanda) Gudex from Naperville, Illinois; six grandchildren from oldest to youngest: Connor, Clara, Griffin, Livvy, Ava, and most recently Landon. Sadly, Jeannie did not get to meet Landon in person, but was able to see him through virtual means. She is also survived by her Stepmother Sue; Stepbrother Erik; Stepsister Michelle, and many brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Jeannie is preceded in death by her Father Terry, Mother Geraldine, Stepfather Merle Kiesner, one brother-in-law and three sister-in-laws.

There will be no funeral service per Jeannie's wishes. Family will be coordinating a celebration of life, date to be determined. Our family would like to thank the caregivers at Crossroads Nursing Home who cared for Jeannie this past year. We would also like to thank the staff from 4th and 5th floors along with Emergency Room staff from St. Agnes Hospital. This includes physicians, nurses, caregivers and anyone else on Jeannie's care team. We truly appreciate the care and compassion she received this past year especially.

Tribute Wall

VF

“ Jeannie was an amazing, kind hearted, full of life soul. Many times she made me smile and laugh with her spunky quick witted personality. It was a pleasure and honor to have known her and worked with her. She will be missed and loved always! Many condolences, prayers and hugs to her family.

Vanessa Forqurean - January 16, 2021 at 08:07 AM

AN

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. Jennie you are a wonderful woman. You go to heaven leaving lots of good memories. I will never forget you. May you fly high. Give Margie a hug from me. ❤️
Love ya

Anna Nitschke - January 15, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ Jeini Enjoy that second life in heaven with a box of white Zinfandel love you

Dan Pierce - January 15, 2021 at 09:18 AM

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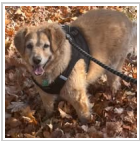
“ My condolences to the Gudex clan. Many great memories were gained from Jean. During some of the most emotionally difficult days at AAL Jean was there to help lighten the mood and console. Her attitude and point blank remarks were the best. I hope you find comfort in all of your memories of her ❤️

Bethany Rymer - January 15, 2021 at 09:07 AM

CM

“ First of all just wanted to I say I am so very sorry your hearts are aching right now. Jeanine will always be her to those of us that had the honor of working with her and then honor of taking care of her. We had some deep talks about that, what she wanted, why. (With a few choice sentences thrown in.)May it ease your grief to know, during one of those talks from what she indicated, you all gave her everything when she needed it?, which is all she asked?-Love of her family. May you always remember her advice she would quietly give (like I do) and may you find comfort in knowing that she is able to belt out any song and dance all she wants now. We will miss her but not forget her and completely giggle over the goofy things we did and saw with her.

Connie Milton - January 14, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Fly high, my dear friend of 30 years. You left us with so many awesome memories, to last a lifetime. You certainly earned your wings and we are all better for having you in our life. My sympathies to Lenny, David, Jeff and Craig and their families. There will never be another Tina Turner like her and Proud Mary will always have a special meaning for all of us.

Bud Bonnie Shaw - January 14, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry. We knew each other for years. My boss at the Dartmoor back in 85. Boss at Lutheran home, All About Life. That lady had a heart of gold and that laugh. That's the ticket. Was her favorite to always say. Miss u girl. Heartfelt condolences to the family.



Peggy Vogt - January 13, 2021 at 07:54 PM

KE

“ To the entire Gudex family I send my thoughts and prayers with you at the loss of such a wonderful woman. She always made me laugh and smile. I enjoyed working and taking my breaks with her during my time at AAL. It saddened me so to hear of her passing. She loved her family so much so rest assured she is smiling down at all of you now in peace. God bless and look for the cardinals and monarch butterflies when she visits all of you! Karen M. (Barnes) Eggers

karen eggers - January 13, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KT

“ To the entire Gudex Family I give you my condolence on the passing of your Wife, Mother and Grandmother. May Mama Gudex rest in peace!
Karen Thorpe



Karen Thorpe - January 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM

BE

To the Gudex family im so sorry for your loss I worked with Jeanie when I first started in 1975 when it was Care Center East she was a great person yes we had great times at the Christmas Parties couldnt what for her to sing we will sadly miss her she always asked about my family ,I loved talking to her ,we will meet again!

Barb Ennis - January 15, 2021 at 12:15 PM

TN

I worked with Jean at Care Center nursing home in1976. I was in high school and worked as a dishwasher. Always a fun time in the dining room when Jean was on shift. The residents and staff really enjoyed her happy attitude.

Tim Noonan - January 15, 2021 at 05:10 PM