



Janet I. Elfers

November 23, 1950 - November 28, 2020

Janet I. Elfers 70, of Estero, FL and a former resident of Cincinnati, OH died on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. She was born November 23, 1950 in Covington, KY a daughter of the late Leroy D. and Dorothy I. (née Evans) Pryse. She had been a part-time resident of Estero since 2012 and moved to Florida full-time in 2018.

Janet graduated from The Ohio State University with her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972 and from Bowling Green State University with her Master's in Education in 1980. She enjoyed a 35-year career as a teacher and guidance counselor, retiring from Mariemont High School in 2015.

In retirement, she volunteered as a docent for the Cincinnati Art Museum and enjoyed life with her friends at Oasis Golf Club in Loveland, OH, and at Pelican Sound Golf and River Club in Estero. She was an avid reader, took photographs of her favorite sights in Florida, and regularly joined the Mahjong table and the pickleball court. She always loved playing a round of golf with her husband Tom. High school sweethearts, they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary in June. Janet was a member of the Ohio School of Counselors Association and the former secretary of the Woman's Golf Association at Pelican Sound.

She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas R. Elfers of Estero, FL; son,

Kyle T. Elfers (Megan) of Des Moines, IA; daughter, Mary I. Elfers (Ricardo Viera) of Denver, CO; 5 grandchildren, Remick K. Elfers, Clayton K. Elfers, Briggs S. Elfers, Lilliana Lola Viera and Clara Janet Viera. She is also survived by her sister, Marjorie Pryse (Leslie Lewis) of Cockeysville, MD, and nieces Emma Cheuse of Takoma Park, MD, and Sonya Cheuse of Brooklyn, NY.

Due to the current pandemic, there will be no service at this time. A celebration-of-life memorial event will be held at a date in the future when it's safe to gather again. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to the food pantry she supported, Café of Life in Bonita Springs, FL: <https://cafeoflife.org>.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Janet I. Elfers

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I only met Janet a couple of times, at the Pelican Sound Golf Committee Welcome evenings, having a drink to welcome new members to the community. Janet left such a beautiful impression on me, and I immediately felt she was a very kind and joyful person. Not often do you meet someone and you come away feeling like you just met a new best friend. I was so sad to hear about her illness and my deepest condolences to Tom and all Janet's family.

Paula Hunter - December 16, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ My condolences to Janet's family. Janet was a wonderful individual and I am fortunate to have known her. Always enjoyed our conversations and laughter during my visits to her school to meet with students about college options. Her students were fortunate to have someone so knowledgeable and committed to assist in the college counseling process. If it was at conferences, school visits or just a gathering of professional friends she was a joy to be around.

Kevin Witham
Ohio University (retired)

Kevin Witham - December 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JD

“ No words can describe what a beautiful person Janet was and I'm sure I speak for the entire Oasis Golf Club membership in Loveland Ohio. She will surely be missed.

John Dicker - December 07, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JT

“ Tom, Kyle, and Mary, we are so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. We had a LOT of fun together in our early married life! Remember the Yahtzee game when there were 7 Yahtzee's in one game! We saved the scoresheet for years. Your family and your community have lost a kind, compassionate woman, beautiful both inside and out. With love, Tim and Jennie Tilton

Jennie Tilton - December 06, 2020 at 12:18 PM

EC

“ Aunt Janet brought so much beauty, hilarity, thoughtfulness, and spark into our lives. I will always remember our fun times together -- most recently when together we watched my daughter run through the sprinklers at sunset. She was inspiring every day in the care and love she always showed for the family, including my grandparents, her sister, her children and grandchildren and her highschool sweetheart husband, friend and lifelong partner. I am in awe of the exodus she made up north during her final weeks, a testament to what she did throughout her entire life to spend time with and be there for the people she loved. She always made me feel loved and appreciated for who I am, and I wish she had more time on this earth. If she were reading this now she'd say, come on, this is too much sap -- where's the joke? But no one could tell a joke like her, except Granddottie whose tradition she carried on, so I just won't try. I will miss you, Aunt Janet -- there was no one like you. Sending my deepest condolences and hugs from afar to the whole family and all of Janet's friends and loved ones during these very hard times.
Love, Emma

Emma Cheuse - December 05, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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Love, Emma

Emma Cheuse - December 05, 2020 at 02:47 PM

JB

“ Janet was so patient, kind, smart, and sincere. I knew her through college admissions work and the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling. She knew her stuff, her school, and her kids. And I'm sure she loved them all. We will all miss her.

Jill Byers - December 04, 2020 at 12:23 PM

AK

“ A Bayhill Lane neighbor notified the rest of the hood of Janet's passing, which was forwarded to me. Sharon and I offer our deepest sympathy to you and your family on your tremendous loss. You were blessed to have had her love in you life. God bless.
Alan Koster

Alan Koster - December 04, 2020 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ Our condolences to Janet's family. She was one of Mariemont's nicest and caring counselors. Her smile and kindness lit up the room. She guided our 3 children during their high school years and I appreciated her friendship and respect for their needs.
Syd and Diane Sabo

Diane Sabo - December 03, 2020 at 11:08 PM

TS

“ I was lucky enough to meet Janet playing golf with her and her group on Saturday mornings. I have also played Mah Jong with her and attended 3 New Horizon luncheons with her. I found her to be a beautiful, fun loving and positive person. She always had a smile on her face! We were both from OH, so we shared that connection. I will miss her, and send my condolences to the Elfers Family.
Terry Sampsel

Terry Sampsel - December 03, 2020 at 04:33 PM

PW

“ Janet was a wonderful guidance/career counselor for Mariemont High School, supportive and genuine to every student whom she encountered. She was a great help for our son, and due to her assistance he is a very accomplished and successful adult. Our sincere sympathies to the family. Patricia and Robert Wells

Patricia wells - December 03, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Mr. Elfers and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Elfers was a kind and giving woman who was full of laughter and positivity. She will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time.
My deepest condolences,
Diane Fry Maginnis*

Diane Maginnis - December 03, 2020 at 07:48 AM

CB

“ *Tom and family,
I was blessed to know Emma's Aunt Janet and be witness to her spark of life and vibrancy. May God draw all who lived Janet near and comfort them during these unknowable times. May Janet's light live in all our hearts, always.
Carolyn Baldwin and family*

carolyn baldwin - December 02, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DH

“ *Janet was a counselor at Mariemont High School in Ohio for many years. She was a professional who worked very well with students, teachers, staff, and parents. Her passion for working with students benefited hundreds of thankful students as they prepared for college, employment, and the armed services. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her and greatly appreciated her support and friendship. Condolences to Tom and family. Rest in peace, Janet.*

*Dr. Jerry Houghton
Principal (Retired)
Mariemont High School*

Dr. Jerry Houghton - December 02, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KM

“ Dear Tom, Kyle, Mary, Marjorie, and Family,

I am very sorry to hear of Janet's passing and I extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. As you grieve the profound loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, may our Lord surround you all with loving support, comfort, peace, and cherished memories.

Kathy Pryse Michaels

Kathy Pryse Michaels - December 02, 2020 at 09:38 PM

BS

“ *My hope & prayer is for Tom, Kyle, Mary and the rest of your family to find peace in the time ahead. I have such fond memories of the Elfers family during my childhood as a result of my friendship with Kyle. We were teammates on the golf course & basketball court. My deepest sympathy,*
Bryan Shick

Bryan Shick - December 02, 2020 at 08:23 PM

SH

“ *Janet was pleasant, kind, and considerate. She was a model of strength and courage!*
Tom my thoughts are with you.
Take care,
Sharon Hinton

Sharon Hinton - December 02, 2020 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ I first met Janet when the pro shop hooked us up together for member/member tournament. From then on I was proud to call Janet my friend. The first tournament we played in after her cancer diagnosis we were fortunate to win!! I was so happy for her that day. She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

jane bogot - December 02, 2020 at 04:01 PM

GM

“ I just saw the notice on Janet and wanted to send along my prayers to you and your family. Having lost Reggie earlier this year I know you have some rough road ahead but the many memories of your life together will see you through the more difficult patches.

I'm planning to return to PS in Feb and March and hopefully we can share some time together.

Warmly,

George Mitchell

George Mitchell - December 02, 2020 at 11:56 AM

TS

“ Tom, sorry to hear about the passing of Janet. She was so great to work with when we were together at Batavia. May she Rest In Peace.

Terry Sheehan - December 02, 2020 at 10:48 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. I always enjoyed working with her through the Ohio Association for College Admissions Counseling. She brought a smile to every meeting we had, and was tireless in working on behalf of her students. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

Michele Brown, Ohio State

Michele C. Brown - December 02, 2020 at 10:21 AM

DE

“ So very sorry for your loss Tom. Our sincere condolences to you and your family! Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you!
Duke and Ruthie Emerick

Duke Emerick - December 02, 2020 at 09:52 AM

RS

“ Dear Tom,

So sorry to hear about Janet. Janet, you and your family are in my prayers.

Rick Sollmann

Rick Sollmann - December 02, 2020 at 09:26 AM

NM

“ 'To Live in Hearts we Leave Behind', Sharing in your sorrow, Janet was a true competitor in the round of 18, fun times at Ivy Hills, our sympathy Tom to you and family.

John & Nancy Meyer, Greensboro, Georgia

Nancy Meyer - December 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM

JE

“ Dear Tom and family,

Eli and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you. Janet was a example of courage and strength to all of us.

I will miss our Saturday golf and lunch outings- she was a fierce competitor but always fun! Pelican Sound has lost a wonderful person.

Take care.

Sincerely

Eli and Jeanine Briones

jeanine - December 02, 2020 at 08:58 AM

PY

“ Janet has to be one of the most positive people I have ever met. Her courage was an inspiration to many members and her passing has affected so many members here at Pelican Sound. Long story, but want to share. A couple of years ago I signed up to play in a group with Janet and I rode with Janet. After golf the group went in for lunch. When Janet came in alone, they asked her if she invited me and she had not, just an oversight. Well, they gave Janet a hard time and thought I should be called. Janet said she thought I was in her contacts and that started more comments like “you have her in your contact and you did not invite her to lunch”. This was all done in fun, of course. Tuesday I happened to golf with this same group by chance since the club does the pairings. They believe it was Janet’s way of telling them to invite me for lunch. And they did! Janet, you are admired and loved by so many. Peace to your family.

Pat Yozamp - December 02, 2020 at 07:29 AM

LK

“ Tom and family; our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Janet was a terrific person and will be missed by all.
Larry Kline

Larry Kline - December 02, 2020 at 07:21 AM

RE

“ Janet was very kind and engaging to my wife and me, as newer members of the community at Pelican Sound. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and their children. See will be missed by all that knew her.

Rob & Barb Eckhard - December 02, 2020 at 07:19 AM

AR

“ Janet was a beautiful lady whom I enjoyed playing pickleball and mahjongg with at Pelican Sound! I'm so sorry for your loss! Ann Ripp

ann ripp - December 02, 2020 at 06:58 AM

PL

“ I worked with Janet at Clermont Northeastern High School in Ohio. Her warm smile, positive attitude and professional manner were qualities that made her a great staff member and friend.

Pat Louiso - December 01, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SU

“ In the twenty-two years we were friends, Janet and I shared so many memorable times. We just "got" each other - as women, mothers and "Grammys," high school counselors, conference roommates and mischief makers. I will always treasure our trips to conferences, especially the National 2000 NACAC meeting in Washington, D.C. where we were surprised by several hundred people in our presentation session. I loved being with Janet, no matter where we were. Visiting her and Tom in Estero was always special for Jim and me.

My favorite memory is from our trip to Colorado to visit Western State College. We decided to take a side-trip to Crested Butte and ride the ski lift to the top of the mountain - in shorts! Of course it was snowing at the top and they shut the ski lift down because of an electrical storm below; so we shivered until a kindly young man named "Thumper" drove us all the way down the mountain in his pickup truck. I was terrified, but Janet laughed merrily and teased me all the way. I still have the "return" half of the ski lift ride we didn't get to complete.

Jim and I send our deepest sympathy to your family, and wish you comfort and peace.

We share your loss with heavy hearts.

Sandy Uhrig

Sandy Uhrig - December 01, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JF

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Although we did not know Janet very well, we admired, appreciated and respected the love Tom expressed for Janet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Melanie and Jim Fasone

Jim Fasone - December 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM

SK

“ This smiling dear lady will be missed. Thank you for crossing my life's path 🌈

Sue Kadlec @ Pelican Sound

sue kadlec - December 01, 2020 at 05:17 PM

MM

“ Janet will miss you from not only our Saturday golf group but as a very special friend. You were a great inspiration to all of us. We all enjoyed our Saturday money games you organized so well. Rest In Peace you will not be forgotten. Micki Monde

Micki Monde - December 01, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy. We have so many great memories of times together. Mike and Carole Moore

Mike Moore - December 01, 2020 at 04:42 PM

MA

“ Janet was a regular in our Saturday golf group. She had a winning mischievous smile and always projected positive energy. Her uncanny ability to make us laugh when something crazy happened with our golf shots will be sorely missed. We lost her too soon. My condolences to Tom and her family, who she loved so very much. ~ Marti and Mike

Marti - December 01, 2020 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Wonderful woman. We will miss her smile, wit and laughter. Prayers for your family.

Betsy and Ron Hartley

betsy hartley - December 01, 2020 at 03:30 PM