



Janis Lynn Novak

May 29, 1954 - June 14, 2022

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Janis Lynn Novak of Davenport, IA passed away at the age of 68. Janis was born on May 29, 1954 in Mendota, IL. She graduated from Earlville High School in 1972, from Augustana College with a Bachelor's Degree in 1975 and then received her Masters Degree in 1982 from the University of Iowa. It is there where she met her lifelong companion Gary Lee.

She was the loving daughter of the late Alvin and June (Klatt) Novak. Dear sister of Kevin (Momoko) Novak of Tokyo, Japan, Phyllis (Jack) Jordan of Port Byron, IL and Don (Rita) Novak of Earlville, IL. Caring aunt to Ryan (Nicole) Novak, Brooke (Joe) Hannon, Shawn Novak, Justin Novak and Breana Novak. Precious great aunt to her "little people": Tessa, Makenna and Nora Novak and Evelyn and JJ Hannon. And thoughtful relative to so many extended family.

Family was the world to Janis, especially her parents, who were also her best friends. She loved traveling the world, visiting friends, and attending church with them. She also loved dogs, baseball, a gourmet meal, a fine wine, a craft beer and a dark roast coffee.

She built a very successful 30-year career at Merrill Lynch in Davenport, IA, where relationships built with colleagues turned into lifelong friendships. But home was always at The Farm in Earlville, IL.

Janis was loved, and will be missed, by many. But we take solace knowing that she is now reunited with her best friends: mom and dad.

A private family graveside burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Earlville Presbyterian Church or the Earlville Historical Society. For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com

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JJ

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Janis was always so pleasant and thoughtful in our email correspondences over the years. She was one of few clients who inquired of my kids and how they were doing.

Jennifer Josund, Davenport, IA

Jennifer Josund - June 27 at 11:39 AM

JL

“ My sincere sympathy to you Kevin, Phyllis, Don and the entire family. Prayers for you all at this time.

John Leonard - June 24 at 10:07 PM

BG

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. My thought and prayers are with all of you at this time. I've always liked the Novak families. Always nice folks! May God Bless all of you.

Billy Gerard - June 20 at 11:42 AM

KS

“ I am saddened to learn of Janis' passing at such a young age! I knew her from working with her for several years. Janis was such a beautiful spirit. She was so very kind and never said a cross word to me. I am so sorry for your family's loss. May the memories of all the good times you shared with her bring you comfort now. Cherish them in your heart and she will live on forever!

Kathy Smith, Washington, IL

Kathy Smith - June 19 at 09:26 AM

SF

“ I am saddened at Janis' untimely passing. I knew her from working with her. Janis was a very caring and thoughtful woman. My sincere condolences to Gary Lee and Janis' family. May her memory be eternal. Prayers, Hugs and Peace.
Susie Flick, Peoria, IL

Susie Flick - June 18 at 06:53 PM

MP

“ I remember Janis so vividly. Kevin was in my wedding way back when and Phyllis you were a Kappa E sister. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Marsha Palmer Philippe
Temecula. CA

Marsha Palmer Philippe - June 18 at 10:34 AM

KS

“ To the Novak family and to Mr. Gary Lee-Janis was such a sweet lady and always pleasant to me when I was coming to see Gary, on business. Sending you all our condolences. May her fond memories get you all through this difficult time. God Bless you all!! Kimberly Sherrod-Hensler



Kimberly Sherrod-Hensler - June 17 at 08:48 PM

LN

“ We were so sorry to hear of Janis' passing. Our deepest condolences to her family! Sincerely, Lee and Lorri Leatherman Nelson



lorri nelson - June 17 at 03:03 PM

JP

“ Our sympathy and prayers to her family. We appreciated her friendship since her beginning years of her career. A special memory was when she was our guest speaker at a Mary Kay Awards Dinner in the Gold Room at the Blackhawk Hotel

Joanne Price - June 17 at 11:34 AM