



Jeannie Marie Paulos

January 30, 2024

Jeannie Marie (Krembs) Paulos passed away from Alzheimer's on January 20th, 2024 in Surprise, AZ. She was born on February 19th, 1953, in Sparta, Wisconsin, the youngest of six children. Daughter of John and Mary Krembs, Jeannie was the baby of the family and found entertainment as a small child running around with her big sister. A graduate of Sparta Senior High School, Jeannie played the saxophone in band and excelled in math. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison for three years and then transferred to the University of Minnesota where she graduated in 1975 with a BS degree in Management Information Systems. Jeannie was one of the early female Computer Program Analysts, working with several companies including FMC and 3M.

It was at UW she met the love of her life, Jim Paulos. A tall, lanky Greek from Milwaukee majoring in Chemical Engineering. They worked together at Chadbourne Hall Cafeteria and would soon find themselves married at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Sparta in 1974. In their fifty years of laughing and loving, they raised their two girls together and ran a marketing communications business in their home. Jim and Jeannie retired to the sunny Arizona desert in 2016, a place they visited often.

One of Jeannie's greatest joys was spending time with her daughters, Laurin and Lisa. She was an attentive and caring mom who helped with homework

and ensured family dinner and conversation happened every night, edited papers with red pen making sure they didn't overuse commas, and always provided a loving touch and listening ear. An enthusiastic cheerleader of the girls' in their musical, dance and sporting activities, Jeannie brought her characteristic spirit of positivity and warmth to all interactions.

She filled her days with music. An active member of multiple community and church choirs, Jeannie shined when sharing her passion for singing with others. Family memories are full of her beautiful voice and infectious laughter. Music was just one way Jeannie embodied her deep faith. Her sense of wonder, her compassion for others, and her fortitude and grace through life's challenges were just a few of the ways she lived in and shared God's love.

Jeannie traveled frequently with her family to as many as 47 national parks and various other travel destinations, citing the blue waters of Crater Lake National Park as her favorite and most stunning view. Happy to be a co-pilot, she coordinated family car games, sparked sing-alongs, and always kept candy in her purse when it was time for "just a little sweet." In retirement, Jim and Jeannie treasured their evening sunset drives together.

Jeannie will be remembered for her kindness and her ever-present smile. She was a sweet and loving soul who was always willing to chat and lend a hand. An avid volunteer, she desired to give back to those in need, and be there as a support for friends and family.

Jeannie's beautiful smile never dimmed, even as her Alzheimer's progressed. While it was a long and heartbreaking journey of illness, she spent her days surrounded by family and friends in the comfort of home. As someone who always opened her arms to others, it was a fitting and poignant departure from this life when she died in her husband's arms. She holds all who cared for her in her affectionate embrace.

Along with her husband, Jim, she leaves behind two daughters: Laurin Dodge and Lisa Paulos (Michael Wermers). She is also survived by her sister Margaret M. McCabe (Jim Kovakas) and brother Andrew P. Krembs (Susan), and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Krembs, brothers F. Gregory Krembs, Peter J. Krembs, and Stephen M. Krembs.

A memorial and celebration for Jeannie will be planned for later this spring/summer. Donations in her honor may be made to Hospice of the Valley, the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research, or the Giving Voice Chorus.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ To Jeannie’s family:I have not seen Jeannie since about 1970 when I left high school. But her wonderfully warm personality, ready smile and authentically loving heart have never left my memory. I am so sad to hear this news, and also heartened to see she leaves two daughters and a loving husband. I would have imagined nothing less, and I trust her love lives on in each of you. Jeannie was a warm spot in this world. My deepest sympathy to you all, and to my friend, Margaret, for whom this must be an extremely difficult loss.Mary Kelly

Mary Kelly - March 27, 2024 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ What a lovely tribute. Sending all our love to the Paulos family and all who will miss sweet Jeannie.

The Franecki Family - February 03, 2024 at 06:32 PM

KE

“ Mr. Paulos, Laurin, Lisa and Michael, as well as all the remaining family members. Sending you my deepest condolences for the loss of your wife, mother and mother-in-law. Thank you for sharing that beautiful testimony to Mrs. Paulos’ life. Although I did not know her, it is clear that she lived her life to love others and live to the fullest. What a beautiful legacy of her life that is now entrusted to all your hearts and memories. The road ahead will not be easy, but may you always remember her with a loving smile, treasure the memories and stories of her journey through this life and fondly reflect on the impact she had on each of you. Please know you are not alone, if you need anything please reach out. Sending you all the hugs, love and prayers I can. Love, Kerryann

Kerryann - February 01, 2024 at 03:25 PM

MM

“ *Such a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! Prayers from Brooklyn Park for you, Jim and family.*

Mary and Joe McCue - January 31, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JC

“ *A lovely tribute to a lovely woman. I always enjoyed Jeannie and family when they joined Debelak gatherings with Marianne and Paul. You all have our deep condolences.*

Janet and Larry Cruse - January 31, 2024 at 01:50 PM

PO

“ *A perfect reflection of how I remember her. Always had the most beautiful and sweetest smile ever.*

Pat O’Brion - January 31, 2024 at 09:06 AM

BH

“ *Jeannie was a beloved neighbor who’s smile and lovely demeanor will be greatly missed.*

Bill Hareid - January 30, 2024 at 11:02 PM

MK

“ *What a beautiful tribute for a beautiful lady. Jeannie had a quiet strength and kindness that shone through. The words you wrote captured so much of her thank you for sharing. I will have fond memories of your mom. Praying for your family during this difficult time.*

Marie Kistner - January 30, 2024 at 10:34 PM

ED

“ Jim, Laurin, Lisa and Michael, I am keeping you close in my heart and prayers, and glad I got to share hugs with you all this weekend. Keep listening for her voice to guide you as she now sings with the choir of angels! I am so sorry for your loss. Love, Elena

Elena Dooley - January 30, 2024 at 09:03 PM

AB

“ Thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to handle the final arrangements for Mrs. Paulos My thoughts remain with Jim, Laurin, Lisa, and the rest of her family and friends during this difficult time.

Ashley Bradford - January 30, 2024 at 04:18 PM