



Miss Janet L. Schiele

February 11, 1960 - February 17, 2026

Janet L. Schiele, 66, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, February 16, 2026 at her home. She was born February 11, 1960 in Zanesville, Ohio to Dean and Judy (Kendrick) Schiele. She was Dean and Judy's fourth daughter, and she often joked and told people that she became the "middle child" when she was 20! She was a loving and dedicated daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She was Catholic by faith and attended St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Zanesville and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Pickerington.

Janet spent many years working in the medical billing and coding field, both in Zanesville and Columbus. She was charismatic, never met a stranger, and was always the life of the party. Janet's quick wit and love for fun will be remembered by all who were blessed to know her. She had the most giving heart and loved her people fiercely. She treated friends like family and showered those around her with love and affection. If you were fortunate enough to be on the receiving end, it's something you will carry with you forever. Although she faced many challenges with her health, Janet was a fighter and tackled each obstacle with strength and tenacity. Her courage was inspiring. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially the children. She often supported her nieces, nephews and friends by attending sporting events, dance recitals, and school functions. She was one of a kind, and a true light in this world.

Janet is survived by her six siblings, Kathy (Dan) Soller, Kris (Doug) Staker, Jill (Larry) Merry, Joanie (Tim) McConaha, Bethany Schiele, and Michael (Melanie) Schiele. She treasured her nieces and nephews. Surviving are Matt (Sara) Puckett, Nathan (Tiffany) Puckett, Megan Puckett, Ryan (Sharon) Staker, Christopher (Heather) Merry, Laura Merry, Jonathan (Kylie) Merry, Justin (Jordain) Merry, Josh (Katie) McConaha, Bryan (Kelsey) McConaha, Kaitlin McConaha, and Emily Schiele. Janet is also survived by several great nieces and nephews whom she adored. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends also survive.

In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Leo and Frances Schiele, her maternal grandparents, Howard and Jane Kendrick, a brother in law, Jim Puckett, and the absolute lights of her life, her dogs Zoeie and Bellah.

Janet's family wishes to thank Ashley Phebus and Sandy Welling for being wonderful friends to Janet and for helping to care for her.

Friends may call from 1 PM until 4PM, Sunday, February 22, 2026 at the Hillis Combs Funeral Home, 935 Forest Ave., Zanesville. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, February 23, 2026 at 10:30 AM at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 925 East Main St., Zanesville, with Fr. Stephen Ondrey officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Janet's name to the Hillis Combs Funeral Home.

To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
925 Main St.
Zanesville, OH

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I met Janet at my first “real” job at Central Ohio Medical Group (COMG) over 40 years ago. She had a big personality and was larger than life! She instantly connected with everyone in our office and kept us laughing with her jokes (some that can be shared and some that can’t). Our careers took a similar path, and we worked together again at Mount Carmel for many more years. Janet became a valued and trusted friend to me. We shared a lot of life together. We went on beach vacations, wave runner adventures, and pontoon boat rides. We went to more concerts than I can count, and as usual Janet knew the words to every song!

We had an outdoor party at work, and she performed the entire Grease soundtrack along with choreographed dance moves for the whole office! We followed the Capital Women’s Basketball team all over the country as they pursued their back-to-back National Championships. Janet entertained the parents, grandparents and students that shared the bus rides with us. She was always the life of the party!

Janet had such a genuine love for children. She always had a little one by her side. I honestly thought Bethany and Michael were her own kids when I first met her. She loved to spend time with them (and spoil them). Janet’s Mom (Judy) told me that Bethany or Michael would say “I want ...” and Janet would be in the car before they could finish their sentence. Janet had a generous heart and wanted to take care of everyone, and she did a great job of that for a long, long time! She loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, too. She was a proud Aunt and was always eager to share stories of their accomplishments.

I have so many memories of her spending time with my family. My parents, my sisters, my nieces and nephews all loved her. They all have a “Janet” story, a funny memory or a specific event that made them feel special because of her. She left a positive impact on many, many lives.

I am grateful for all the laughs we shared and all the cherished memories.

LYLAR, My Friend!!

Sherry Adkins - February 22 at 07:11 PM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - February 22 at 11:35 AM

CN

“ *Chris Noel lit a candle in memory of Miss Janet L. Schiele*



Chris Noel - February 22 at 10:46 AM

CN

Janet was the life of the party, she was there when you needed help or just a hug. My heart goes out to the family. Prayers Always.

Chris Noel - February 22 at 10:49 AM

TK

“ *Kathy, Kristi, Jill, Joanie, Bethany, Michael and families,
Janet was a very friendly, happy, and outgoing niece who will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She faced many medical challenges and never gave up. May all your wonderful memories bring comfort in the days ahead. Love and Prayers to all of you!!
Uncle Tom and Aunt Joellen*



Tom & Joellen Kendrick - February 21 at 10:50 PM

KM

“ *Janet was a client of mine at the nail salon for several years. She quickly became a friend. She didn't know a strange would light up the room when she came in the salon. I'm going to miss her monthly visits and chats with me. Prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace a good one gone too soon.*

Kelly Myers - February 21 at 09:13 PM

VR

“ *To the Schiele Families: I'm so sorry to see of Janet's passing. I remember all of us being at Northside beach in our younger days. I always had someone to swim with when your whole family was there. She was a very kind, funny, and loved woman who always gave before she would accept anything from anyone else. That is just part of our traits. Keep all those memories close as I will too. Please accept my sympathy, prayers, and love to you all.*

Vicki Miller Reed - February 21 at 11:56 AM

LW

“ Thinking of the family and friends who loved her in my daily prayers. May beautiful memories fill your hurting hearts. May the peace that only God can provide carry you through the days ahead.
Lisa Wampler

lisa marshall wampler - February 20 at 04:05 PM

LS

“ To my nieces and nephew and families, Janet was someone who gave her whole heart to everyone.
Rest in peace, Janet.
Love to all, Aunt Lynda Sharrer



Lynda Sharrer - February 20 at 03:06 PM

CM

“ I haven't seen Janet for many years, but our good friend Sherry always let me know how she was doing. We knew and loved her as "Teacher". She had a big personality and an even bigger heart. She loved people and her dogs, who were her kids. I remember her always buying them outfits, I think they had more cloths than she did. I will always remember her with much love. Rest in peace "Teacher" I'm sure all your fur babies are happy you're home. 💕💕

Chris Murray - February 20 at 06:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Miss Janet L. Schiele.



February 19 at 10:47 PM

KS

“ Janet is my cousin and we spent a lot of time with her and the family. On Christmas we had to spend it with them because we all had chicken pox. She will be missed for sure.

Karen Still - February 19 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ My family grew up next door to the Schiele family on Lenox Ave. The summers were the best in the neighborhood! Janet was very outgoing and always had a smile. What a very sweet person from a great family!!! RIP

Mike Schultheis - February 19 at 03:05 PM