



## Janice Lynn Neil

April 16, 1956 - December 19, 2024

Dodgeville – Janice Neil, age 68, of Dodgeville, passed away unexpectedly on December 19, 2024. She was born April 16, 1956, in Anderson, Ind to Richard and Helen Ramey. Her family moved to Jackson, Mi in her early years.

Janice graduated from Jackson High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. She graduated with a teaching degree specializing in students who were deaf or hard of hearing.

She moved to Southwestern Wisconsin and spent 42 years in education, starting with C.E.S.A #3 as an itinerant teacher, traveling from school to school to serve those students in need. She left to join the Dodgeville School District as a full-time Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. While in Dodgeville, she attended Silver Lake College and attained certification as a teacher of the Visually Impaired. She was one time the only teacher dual certified in Wisconsin with those credentials. During her time in Dodgeville, she also worked with the Mineral Point School District.

Janice retired from full-time teaching and started her own business as an education consultant. She continued to work with students from Dodgeville and Mineral Point until she decided to finally fully retire.

Janice and Brian Neil were united in marriage on July 21, 1984 in Platteville,

Wi. She continued to work full time while they farmed beneath the “M”, even learning to drive a tractor to help when needed. During this time, they welcomed their first daughter Dana. Janice loved the barn cats, eventually taming one as the first of many house cats. She loved to bring her students out to the farm for field trips. A few years later they moved to Dodgeville in 1991 welcoming their second daughter Laura a few years later.

Janice loved to go camping and/or traveling to visit family and friends. Many people enjoyed her “online check ins” that allowed them to travel with her virtually. She camped across the US from Maine to Wyoming. She especially enjoyed the friends she made at Tom’s Campground.

Janice had a passion for making handmade cards. She kept a list of people’s birthdays and anniversaries and made sure to send them a card. She had a close-knit group of card making friends that she enjoyed spending time with for classes and retreats.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Helen Ramey, In-laws Paul and Pearl Neil, sister-in-law Sandra Neil and brothers-in-law Dale Neil, Donald Neil, and Ronald Musto.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Brian; her daughters Dana of Menomonie, WI and Laura (David) Cifaldi of Billings, MT; her beloved dog Parker. She is further survived by her sisters Cheryl (Jim) Blair of Jackson, MI, Karen Musto of Henderson, NV and Sharon Ramey of Henderson, NV; her in-laws Susan Brown of Sparta, TN, Doreen Neil of Sioux Falls, SD, Robert Neil of Randolph, MN and Caryn Lengkeek of Valley Springs, SD; her nieces and nephews Samantha (Todd) Nunn of Kalamazoo, MI, James (Brenna Chase) Blair of Brooks, ME, Brandon Lengkeek of Tucson, AZ, Heather (Steve) Milligan of San Jose, CA, Jennifer Brown of Sparta, TN; her great nieces and nephews Todd, McKenna and Kyla Nunn, Noah and Ava Blair, Brandi Milligan,

Racheal and Jonathan Delgado.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Dodgeville. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

In lieu of plants and flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Dodger Food Locker or the Iowa County Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

## Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
1105 North Bequette Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all in this difficult time.

Kari Duong-Topp - January 11, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RH

“ Deepest sympathy Brian and family. Prayers to all.

Rozetta Hallcock - January 09, 2025 at 01:55 PM

RM

“ My sympathy in your loss of Janice, Brian to you and your family. I have you in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Rosalie May

Rosalie May - January 01, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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“ Janice was an amazing hearing impaired teacher. Just so caring and she really knew how to treat each child individually and meet all their needs. The good lord is getting a special one.

Laura Esch - December 30, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ We were always happy to see Janice with a glass of wine and good conversation around our CAMP FIRE she will be missed. From camp site 4.

Judy sit 4 - December 30, 2024 at 05:53 PM

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“ I really enjoyed getting to know Janice as I started my career in physical therapy. She was a very kind person and worked extremely hard. She was funny as well and kept up a great positive attitude. She was a very great person.

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**Luke Stangl** - December 28, 2024 at 10:33 AM

CB

“ Janice was an amazing sister. I have such wonderful memories of the time we spent growing up and with our families. From camping in Decatur Michigan for Christmas in July, the time spent in Michigan and Maine with my children and grandkids. She even followed my grandson's travel baseball teams down always there for every family gathering. Rest In Peace my dear sister. I love ya!!!



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**Cheryl Blair** - December 28, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Janice was my hearing impaired teacher from 4th to graduation in 1999. I have so many wonderful memories of her. My heart goes out to the family and friends of this amazing woman!

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**Kyon Thompson** - December 27, 2024 at 09:47 PM

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“ Janice was a good friend to all and I really appreciated the cards and special notes she shared with me through the years. She will be missed. My deepest sympathies to her family.

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**Terri Ellis** - December 26, 2024 at 02:51 PM