



## Janet Lea (Heiny) Vanderveer

February 15, 2024

Janet Lea (Heiny) Vanderveer passed away on February 15, 2024 in Richmond, Virginia, at the age of 61 after a lengthy illness.

Janet was born in Lapel, Indiana, the daughter of Lawrence and Delcie Pauline Heiny, and graduated with the Lapel High School Class of 1980. She earned her Bachelor's degree at Purdue University and went on to earn a Master's degree in Political Science from Georgetown University. During her schooling, she learned to speak the German language and later enjoyed living in Germany with then husband Eric for several years before returning to the US to settle in the Fairfax County area of Virginia.

Janet is survived by her children Grace and Holden, her son-in-law Peter Noone, her sisters Diana Stafford, Sharon Yoder, Cathy Heiny and twin sister Lynnette Heiny, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, and her beloved dog Evalita. Janet had one granddaughter, Evangeline Lea, who was born 3 days after Janet died. While Janet did not get to meet Evangeline in the flesh, she was able to spend time with her daughter Grace during her pregnancy, and we feel certain that Janet is looking down on little Evie now with utmost love and pride.

Janet was an accomplished singer and enjoyed collecting antiques. Most of all, she loved her children, and was proud to be able to raise them as a stay-

at-home mom. She later taught in the Virginia school system for 18 years as a Special Ed teacher, retiring in December of 2023. A private memorial service was held shortly after her passing.

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