



Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt

August 2, 1937 - October 25, 2023

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt.

Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt (Janet Ann Nadler) died peacefully at her home in Rockingham County, Virginia on October 25, 2023. She was 86.

Jan was born in Augusta, Missouri on August 2, 1937 to Enos and Irma Nadler (Irma Wissmann), the fourth of five siblings. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Augusta, Missouri.

Jan was educated in a one-room schoolhouse before going on to receive her undergraduate degree from Concordia Teachers College (now Concordia University Chicago) and a master's degree from George Mason University. She spent the latter part of her professional career teaching for Fairfax County Public Schools, but also taught in Japan, Germany, and Newfoundland with Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS). She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls Church, Virginia for many years.

Jan married Elroy Walter Sommerfeldt on April 22, 1977 in Falls Church, Virginia, and they remained together for 38 years until his death in December 2015. They retired to Toms Brook, Virginia in 1990 where Jan lived until December 2022. She was a regular attendee of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

in Toms Brook and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock.

Jan was a sharp woman with an active social life and a wide range of interests. She was an avid quilter, learning the skill from her mother and continuing to practice it in her final days. She maintained a large and productive garden in Toms Brook. She hosted many cherished gatherings at her home, including her annual Goose Dinner in early January. She played the organ for local churches and participated in choral groups, indicating a deep interest in music. She read and traveled extensively throughout her life, and contributed her broad experiences to the lives of those around her. The most important things to Jan were her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Phyllis Edwards, and her brothers Carl Nadler, Donald Nadler, and Ervin Nadler.

She is survived by her stepson Neil Sommerfeldt (Kate), step granddaughters Susan Keeler (Andy), Emily Heatwole (Jake), and Anna Sommerfeldt, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

The funeral service will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Virginia on November 11, 2023 at 11am. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at Keller Cemetery in Toms Brook, Virginia in a private service at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Shenandoah Community Health Clinic, 124 Valley Vista Drive, Woodstock, VA 22664.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Keller Memorial Cemetery

Sand Ridge Road
Toms Brook, VA 22660

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
127 E. High Street
Woodstock, VA

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Jan was the best of friends. So sorry for the loss of this wonderful friend. Love to her family from Sue Beardmore.*

Sue Beardmore - November 10, 2023 at 03:18 PM

AC

“ *Alyce C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt.*

Alyce C. - November 07, 2023 at 02:20 PM

AM

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed worshiping with Jan and was a pleasure to see and talk with her in Oct.*

Amela Mowery - November 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM

DC

“ *Aunt Janet was a beautiful person and will be dearly missed by the many who knew her. She was a wonderful Godmother to me...always a pleasure to be with. Sending sympathy, God's comfort and peace to her dear family. Donna (Nadler) Cox*

Donna Cox - November 03, 2023 at 01:48 PM

DC

“ *Donna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt.*

Donna C. - November 03, 2023 at 01:10 PM

JN

“ *Jon, Barb & Bekah Nadler purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Janet "Jan" Nadler Sommerfeldt.*



Jon, Barb & Bekah Nadler - October 30, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JN

“ Some of you may remember Miss Kitty. Miss Kitty was actually from Idaho. When Barb and I decided to move east, back to Illinois, I contacted Aunt Jan to see if they would be willing to adopt a cat. (Can you imagine her or Uncle Roy saying no?) We had become attached to Miss Kitty, she was the only cat that would actually come if you called her. But in moving, we knew we could not take her with us. It was easy to just bring Miss Kitty along on one of my countless (and pointless) government trips to DC (I was working for the energy department). We got some tranquilizers for Miss Kitty from our vet and sedated her for the 7 hours or so it took to fly from nowhere to DC. Unfortunately, as I approached the gate area for the early morning flight out of Idaho Falls (there are only two flights a day leaving IF) a rather large and growing pool of red oil was under the MD80, It didn't take Capt Over from Airplane to know that THAT plane was going nowhere that day. So... I hustled back to the ticket counter (airport is actually not large) and was first in line to book myself and Miss Kitty out on the next flight, about 6 hours later. How did Miss Kitty feel about the delay? No problem. She was stoned out of her mind like a groupie at a Dead Concert. It was probably half way from Nowhere, ID, to Dulles that Miss Kitty woke up and became rather agitated. This was a time careful folks) before cell phones! I could not just call Aunt Jan and alert her. I did find a pay phone (back then phones were physically attached to walls) and called to tell her I'd be on late flight. I was going to drive out and deliver Miss Kitty and have dinner. But with late flight, I had to stay in the city. So Uncle Roy drove Aunt Janet out to meet me at Dulles. I will never forget how calm and happy she was to get Miss Kitty. And I'll never forget how pissed off Miss Kitty was to have been drugged, stuffed into a carrier and left to wake up half way over nowhere in the dark. Poor cat. But, and if you remember how Uncle Roy and Aunt Jan doted on her, Miss Kitty had the best life ever, post Idaho.

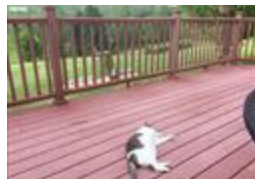
Thank you, Aunt Jan (and Uncle Roy) for all the wonderful memories!!

Jon, Barb, Bekah, Nadler

Jon Nadler - October 30, 2023 at 10:06 AM

DK

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Deborah Kelley - October 30, 2023 at 09:35 AM

DK

“ *I am so happy that I FINALLY came to visit on my Walkabout with Aunt Janet. She was probably the most life loving and curious person that I have ever met or probably shall ever meet. So intriguing, hard working, intelligent and just plain fun. Always in action..more energy in living her life than most people ever have. You will be missed Aunt Janet!*

Deborah Kelley - October 30, 2023 at 09:30 AM