



Jan Evans

July 28, 1942 - July 15, 2024

The open house celebrating the life of Jan Evans, of Ottertail and formerly of Wadena, will be held on Saturday, July 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The Otter Supper Club in Ottertail. A Time of Remembrance will begin at 11:30. Inurnment will be at a later date in the columbarium in Wadena, Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Jan, age 81, passed away with family at her side on July 15, 2024, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Janet, known by everyone as “Jan”, was born to Nicholas and Mildred (Berry) DeBoer on July 28, 1942, in Crookston, MN, and lived her early years in Eldred. She graduated from Crookston Central High School with the Class of 1960, and worked as a bank cashier before continuing her education at Moorhead State College. On September 1, 1962, Jan married Paul Willard Evans in Crookston. They made their home in Bloomington, Wadena, Ottertail, Angle Inlet and after Paul died in 2010, Jan returned to Ottertail. She focused her energies on raising their three children and making memories with her grandchildren. She later worked as a real estate agent with Boll Realty in Ottertail and North Border Realty in Baudette, selling property at the Northwest Angle & Islands.

Anyone who knew Jan knew what fun really was! That was her hobby, making

life fun for everyone! Her interests included playing Bridge, having fun, accessorizing with “stylish” purses, shoes and sunglasses, more fun, and planning “themed” Christmas / holiday gatherings for family and friends.

Preceding Jan in death were her husband, Paul; parents, Nicholas and Mildred; siblings: Gerald and Dennis DeBoer, Ethel Brubakken and Lois Samuelson; parents-in-laws, Willard and Abigail Evans; brothers-in-law, Thomas Brubakken, Henry Brei, and James Dix; and sister-in-law, Mary Brei.

Greatly loved, Jan will be remembered by her children, Lori (Ken) Kneisl of Wadena, Lisa (Ken) Niewolny, of Wausau, WI, and David (Darnell) Evans of Omaha, NE; 7 grandchildren & 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Debra (Marc) Hanson; sister-in-law, Margaret Dix; brother-in-law, Roger Samuelson; along with a host of friends.

Honorary urn bearers will be her family members and everyone who called her friend.

Memorials may be directed to Uof MN atten: Lions Children’s Eye Clinic (www.mhealthfairview.org), St. Jude's Research (www.stjude.org/give/memorials) or Astera Health Foundation atten: Cancer Center (www.asterahealth.org/foundation)

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Open House

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

The Otter Supper Club
306 MN-78
Ottertail, MN 56571

Time Of Remembrance

JUL 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Ottertail, MN 56571

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jan Evans



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 22, 2024 at 05:52 PM

BP

“ Bill and Paula Phillips purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jan Evans.



Bill and Paula Phillips - July 27, 2024 at 11:26 AM

BP

“ Bill and Paula Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Evans.

Bill and Paula Phillips - July 27, 2024 at 11:26 AM

DD

“ Darcy D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Evans.

Darcy D. - July 26, 2024 at 01:50 PM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Karen Munson - July 25, 2024 at 03:44 PM

CO

“ Jan referred to Lew and me as her "Adoptive Parents," and she frequently introduced us as such. Since meeting her on the patio of Willy T's when she asked to sit down at our table to sharing memorable moments with our family, Jan became a very dear and kind part of our circle and certainly the most fashionable and flamboyant. We loved her for it! Jan spoke volumes about her family, Christmas gifting surprises and Valentine cookies etc. You are her heart and soul. We "Adoptive Parents" enjoyed her love for life and looked forward to sharing her birthday month with her. We never for a moment believed she wouldn't be back on our patio with us. We'll be celebrating with you, Jan. Much Love, Cindy and Lew



Cindy and Lew Obright - July 25, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jan Evans.



July 24, 2024 at 10:16 PM

MA

“ Mike & Sue (Perry) Avelsgaard purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jan Evans.



Mike & Sue (Perry) Avelsgaard - July 24, 2024 at 01:33 PM

SN

“ Jan was a beautiful person inside and out. She loved her family and friends. She enjoyed life EVERY day. She always had a smile on her face and never met a stranger. Ray and I enjoyed spending time with both her and Paul. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. We greatly appreciated her friendship and energy for life. The entire Evans family has our deepest sympathy. Thoughts and prayers. Ray and Sue Nowak



Sue Nowak - July 24, 2024 at 11:47 AM

PH

“ Jan was the best dressed lady around, complete with shoes/purse/jewelry to match every outfit it seemed! She was young at heart & full of energy. Her absence in the Ottertail area will be felt by many & she will be missed. My sincere condolences to her family. 🙏📧

Pam Hedstrom - July 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jan Evans.*



July 22, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jan Evans.*



July 22, 2024 at 02:01 PM

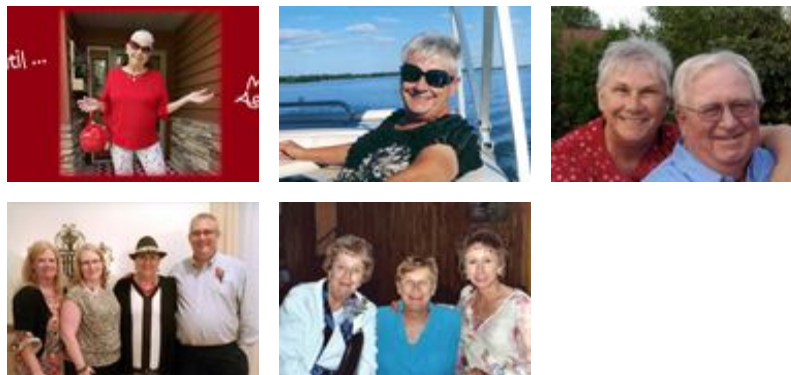


“ *Loren & Sarah Woolever planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Evans.*

Loren & Sarah Woolever - July 22, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 22, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jan Evans.*



July 21, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Ann & Harriet Pancoast planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jan Evans.*

Ann & Harriet Pancoast - July 21, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *What a lady!!! We absolutely adored her! From her big smile to her big heart she made everyone feel special. She will truly be missed beyond words. Randy and Mary Jensen*

Mary - July 21, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *What a loss for so many people. Jan will be remembered for her humor, her intelligence, her love for her family and friends, her high energy and her great outfits. What a cool lady. She will be missed.*

darcy - July 20, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ *I only knew her a short time but could see that she was the life of the party and she never met a stranger as she always put you at ease as if she knew you all your life. Love Paula and Bill Phillips*

Paula and Bill Phillips - July 20, 2024 at 06:19 PM

KP

“ *Krista (Lien) Potter lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Krista (Lien) Potter - July 19, 2024 at 10:57 PM

DA

“ *Visits with Jan were always lively. God bless your precious memories 🙏💕*



Diane Schiller Anderson - July 19, 2024 at 10:11 PM

CC

“ *I have such fond memories of growing up with the Evans family! Jan was always so much fun to be around! Thinking of and praying for you Lori, Lisa, Dave, and families. Fondly, Cindy Carew*

Cynthia Carew - July 19, 2024 at 09:46 PM



“ *John Anita Beringer*



Anita Beringer - July 19, 2024 at 09:44 PM

MR

“ *She was a pure delight. Ilyne n Mike. Just visited in Fargo*

Mike and Ilyne Rasmussen - July 19, 2024 at 07:21 PM

LB

“ *Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Lucille Belch - July 19, 2024 at 01:44 PM

JC

“ *Jeannie & Dan Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Jeannie & Dan Carlisle - July 19, 2024 at 01:28 PM

TF

“ *Tammy & Jody & Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jan Evans.*



Tammy & Jody & Families - July 19, 2024 at 11:24 AM

LH

“ Love Chuck and Holly Hanson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jan Evans.



Love Chuck and Holly Hanson - July 19, 2024 at 10:04 AM

LR

“ Lori, Lisa and David, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all. Words can't explain the good times Sally and I had with Jan..... in Wadena, Palm Springs, the Angle, and Ottertail. Jan will be so missed by all the lives she touched. I am sure she and Sally will be raising Cain together in heaven. My love to all of you, and I sure wish I could be at the Otter on the 27th. Linda Rumery ❤️❤️

Linda Rumery - July 19, 2024 at 08:31 AM

TL

“ Tom and Nancy Lehr lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Tom and Nancy Lehr - July 19, 2024 at 12:22 AM

LY

“ Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Linda Youngbauer - July 18, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MM

“ Marge Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Marge Mohs-Harrison - July 18, 2024 at 05:22 PM

CM

“ Chad and Nicole McDonald purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Jan Evans.



Chad and Nicole McDonald - July 18, 2024 at 01:38 PM

DD

“ Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jan always had a smile on her face and took time to visit with you.

Deb Dague - July 18, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JH

“ Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Jay Hutson - July 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM

GC

“ Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Gary and Marcy Collins - July 18, 2024 at 07:33 AM

,B

“ You have been a dear friend for over 50 years. We are truly saddened and will miss you. We love the family and may God grant them peace.

,Linda and Dan Boedigheimer - July 17, 2024 at 08:28 PM

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“ ,Linda and Dan Boedigheimer lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



,Linda and Dan Boedigheimer - July 17, 2024 at 08:24 PM

RF

“ Randy and Teri (Thumper family) lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Randy and Teri (Thumper family) - July 17, 2024 at 07:50 PM

MH

“ Mike Hepola lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Mike Hepola - July 17, 2024 at 07:49 PM

SG

“ Scott & Linda Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Scott & Linda Gustafson - July 17, 2024 at 04:35 PM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Dixie murray - July 17, 2024 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ Jan was ahead of her time. Always having fun and always there for her family and friends. From Wadena, Otterail to Lake of the Woods. Jan touched so many lives. Always Red Hot
❤️



Angie Boedigheimer-Stallinga - July 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Glen Donna Wood - July 17, 2024 at 01:52 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Dan Kern - July 17, 2024 at 01:22 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Sharon boline - July 17, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DH

“ *Prayers for all*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - July 17, 2024 at 11:16 AM

PH

“ Pam Howell lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Pam Howell - July 17, 2024 at 10:13 AM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Karen Munson - July 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

MT

“ My condolences to the Evans family 🙏❤️. So many wonderful memories of Jan ..”run like a deer” was on of her many sayings. She will be missed.



Missy Tabery - July 17, 2024 at 08:02 AM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans



Judy Erdahl - July 16, 2024 at 10:30 PM

TB

“ *Tim & Mel Buth lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Tim & Mel Buth - July 16, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JJ

“ *Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jan Evans*



Jon and Patty Johnson - July 16, 2024 at 05:36 PM