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JANET GREENAWALT-CAPITAN

Janet Greenawalt-Capitan passed away peacefully on Christmas morning surrounded by her loving family after losing her battle with bone cancer. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends and will be remembered by all who knew her as a kind, caring, helpful and loving mother, Nana and friend.

She was born Janet Rice in 1937 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania to parents Miriam and George Rice. Janet attended Lebanon High School where she met her high school sweetheart and future husband, Robert (Bob) Greenawalt. They were married on Christmas Eve in 1957, and were married for 55 years. She moved to Southern California for a couple of years where Bob finished his enlisted military service.

Soon after the birth of their son Robert Jr., they returned to Lebanon to be closer to family. Four years later they welcomed their daughter, Kathy. They lived as a family in Lebanon for nearly ten years before moving again, this time to Bucks County, PA. Janet worked full-time while raising her two children, first as a shipping clerk for a trucking company in Lebanon, then as a legal secretary for a small law firm in Quakertown, PA. However, it was her employment as a human resources assistant for the Riegel Paper Mill in Milford, New Jersey, which she found the most rewarding, a career position that spanned nearly 20 years. Janet loved getting to know and assisting the employees however possible. Many of whom remained lifelong friends. After retiring from the paper mill at age 62, she and Bob moved to Lewes, Delaware to be close to her daughter Kathy's family. She found great joy in her role as Nana and attended countless sporting events for Cape to cheer for her grandchildren's teams regardless of the weather conditions!

If you knew Janet, you couldn't help but feel comfortable around her. She had a quick smile, a fun personality and a warm heart. She was a genuinely positive person and rarely spoke negatively about anyone or anything. Janet always cared about looking her best when in public. She loved clothing shopping and had the full closets to prove it.



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After her retirement, Janet became extremely active as a community volunteer. She and Bob delivered Meals on Wheels for over fifteen years, as well as worked many years at the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. One of Janet's greatest joys was volunteering as a cashier and interacting with customers at the New Life Thrift Shop. Janet was an active member of the Epworth United Methodist Church where she was treasurer of the United Methodist Women's Group for many years and volunteered in numerous capacities. She had a strong faith in God and was most certainly welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven on Christ's birthday.

After Bob passed away in 2012, Janet continued with her active lifestyle, which included gardening, early morning walks with her "Walker Friends" of Gosling Creek, weekly Zumba classes at the gym, as well as line dancing. She forged close friendships easily, enjoyed socializing, and playing Bunko. Janet loved to travel and go on cruises to different parts of the world. Her destinations included Alaska, Ireland, Italy, the Caribbean, Israel and South America. For most of her adult life she enjoyed vacationing each summer in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, with her family. She also made an annual trip to the West Coast, to visit her son Rob and his wife, Annie. Janet loved the beach and the water! She often went to Rehoboth to sit by the ocean and walk on the boardwalk. Janet was also an avid dog lover. She and Bob first had Dobermans and then later, came to love and raise Bull Terriers.

Several years ago, Janet was blessed to find love again when she met and married Paul Capitan in 2019. Janet and Paul lived together in Milton until she passed away. They were a wonderful and happy couple cherishing each day during the years they had together. Janet is survived by her husband Paul, her two children Kathy Shook (Bill) and Rob Greenawalt (Annie), her grandchildren Lindsey Geyer (Eddie) and Mike Shook (Clarissa) and her two young great grandsons, Edmund Geyer V and Laird Shook.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Please sign the virtual guestbook at parsellfuneralhomes.com



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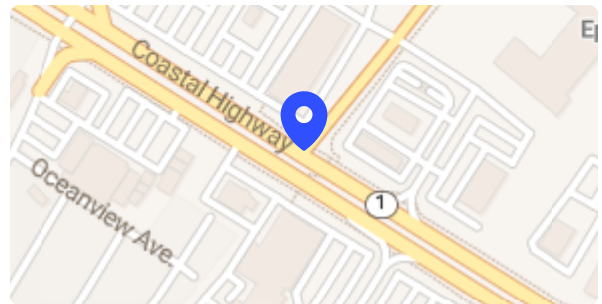
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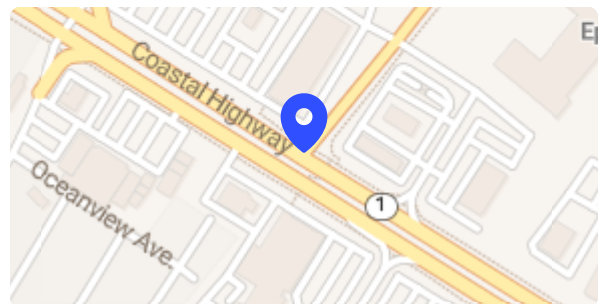
Visitation

- 📅 **Friday**, February 17, 2023
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- 📍 **Epworth United Methodist Church**
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Tribute Wall

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Sandra Sleeter posted:

We had the nicest neighbors growing up in Springtown....we will always remember Bob and Janet and all the times shared.....our deepest sympathy to the family....with loving memories....Sandy,Dennis and Scott Bodder

February 13 at 5:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Capitan family.



January 30 at 8:08 AM



John W. Dean II posted:

Kathy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. It appears she lived a full and robust life. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.John W. Dean IIMilton, DelawareUSA

January 5 at 2:28 PM



Diane Blaski posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Greenwalt family and my Uncle Paul. So many treasured memories of a loving, giving energetic woman. May she Rest In Peace from a life well lived.

January 5 at 12:43 PM



Barb Harvey Sheller posted:

My Aunt Janet was one of the most beautiful and sweet souls I ever met. God blessed her with a wonderful family. Thank you Kathy and Bobby for loving and caring for her. She was my fun Aunt. Will never forget teaching her the mashed potatoe dance when I was a teen. Will see her again someday in heaven and will dance together again. Peace and love to you all!!!

January 5 at 6:05 AM



Annie January 6 at 8:27 PM





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Annie posted:

Janet was the best Mama-in-law any gal could ask for. She was my friend, confidant, co-conspirator, and an amazing inspiration. I miss her and/but know she's in the best place ever—with her Savior! I will miss her laughter, sincerity, belief in the best of humanity, and her incredible way of loving every person in front of her. She's dancing in heaven now. I know she's got heels and her best attire on. And she looks 25 years old doing it. Mama, I can't wait to see you again! In the place that is being prepared for those who love Him!!! To live is Christ. To die is gain. I love you!!! ❤️❤️

January 4 at 9:01 PM

JM

Julie Maurer posted:

I can't find the words to express my love and respect for Janet. She was my first born cousin and a beautiful and classy lady. She lived away at the beach but was dedicated to keeping contact and visiting my mother, her Aunt. She has been an angel on Earth and will be welcomed into heaven. My love to Bobby, Kathy, dear Paul and family. I wish I could be there but I will be in spirit.

January 4 at 4:58 PM

CG

Candace Shetzler Gunter lit a candle in honor of Janet Greenawalt.

We loved seeing Janet walk with her daughter, Kathy, and their dogs. Chance and I love animals and they always stopped to chat and let us visit their dogs. She was so friendly and warm.



January 4 at 4:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet Greenawalt by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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