

Janelle L. Stahl Ladbury left her earthly journey on Saturday, October 25, 2025, and is now getting her rear-end handed to her in 500 rummy by her one and only Grandma Doris.

Janelle was born to Donnie and Linda Stahl on March 11, 1981. She was welcomed into the world by her big brother Doug and later joined by her younger-but taller-sister Kayla. Janelle grew up as the favorite middle child keeping everyone on their toes. At age 7, Gizmo, a black-and-white Shih Tzu, joined the family—much to her father's dismay—but brought an abundance of love and energy. As a native to "the middle of nowhere SD", Janelle spent her summers mowing lawns on high gear, against her father's wishes while drinking Mountain Dew and eating Snickers. As Janelle, was always goal oriented, she aimed to beat the previous time. Her favorite part of growing up in SD was attending Northern State University in Aberdeen where she met her best friend Emilie and earned a Bachelor's of Science in Biology Education. She went on to teach high school science and middle school math in Henry, SD where she met her other two best friends, Emily and Chelsey. While teaching, Janelle continued her education working on her master's degree in school counseling. She completed her school counseling internship with an adventure in Watertown and Arlington, MA. During this time she spent hours upon hours exploring the city of Boston....her favorite city of all time. She was blessed to be surrounded and embraced by so many amazing people, and was forever grateful for having been welcomed into the Vachon family.

Although Janelle's upbringing played a key role in shaping who she became, it was her adventures, encounters with different people, and many acts of helping others that truly defined her. She spent the last 19+years being a fierce advocate and ally for all students. She is forever grateful to be part of the Spartan family and cherished each and every moment there. While she could have went by the title of Dr. after earning her PhD in Counselor Education and supervision, she preferred Ms. Stahl Ladbury, JSL or even Janelle. She was loved and valued by all those she worked with, and the students she supported.

While Janelle's life experiences have molded her into the person she is, her greatest achievement is her family. She was blessed with a beautiful family after having married Jared Ladbury in June 2009. We are all thankful he was able to put up with all her shenanigans, and remain a calming force to her life. However, the best part of their life together has been watching and raising their three amazing children, Evalynn, Xavier and Emmalee. While she was sad she wouldn't get to see each chapter in their lives unfold, she knows they have the skills, resources and resiliency to overcome any obstacle they encounter. Her love, guidance, and unwavering belief in them will continue to inspire and support them every step of the way.

Family meant everything to Janelle and even though she didn't often see eye to eye with them, she loved playing games with them, treating her nephews to Fargo vacations and watching so many hours of baseball with late night drives back to Fargo. She was thankful for having shared her life with her mom and dad, Linda and Donnie, her siblings Doug (Danielle) Stahl, Kayla (Kris) Sparling, Kyle and Kade Stahl and Drew and Macy Sparling, Kyle's girlfriend Tya and Kade's girlfriend Teagan. She is also thankful for them helping and supporting her, Jared and her kids the past two years while battling cancer.

Janelle was preceded in death by her favorite Grandma Doris, her grandparents Betty and Ruben Stahl and her favorite Uncle Steve Stahl. She is survived by her family, her in-laws, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be sent to the Janelle Stahl Ladbury Benefit Fund at Gate City Bank.

*In Loving Memory*



*Janelle Stahl  
Ladbury*

March 11, 1981 - October 25, 2025

# *He Only Takes The Best*

God saw she was getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around her  
and whispered, "Come with Me."

In tears we watched her suffer  
and saw her fade away.

Although we loved her dearly,  
we could not make her stay.

A heart of gold stopped beating  
and hard-working hands now rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He takes only the best.

## *Kindness*

I shall pass through this world but once.  
If therefore, there be any kindness I can show,  
or any good thing I can do, let me do it now,  
let me not defer it or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again

-Grellet

Remembering

# *Janelle Stahl Ladbury*

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## **Celebration of Life**

Saturday, November 8, 2025 - 2:00 PM

First United Methodist Church  
Fargo, North Dakota

## **Officiant**

Pastor Ryan Mutzenberger

## **Recorded Music**

"Hurricane" - The Fray  
"How Do I Say Goodbye" - Dean Lewis

## **Pallbearer**

Xavier Ladbury

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Evalynn Ladbury - Emmalee Ladbury  
Doug Stahl - Danielle Stahl - Kyle Stahl  
Kade Stahl - Drew Sparling - Kris Sparling  
Kayla Sparling - Macy Sparling

*All are invited to a reception following the service.*



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