

## A Special Child

God gave us a special child,  
So gentle, kind, and true.  
Janet brought a light into this world  
That touched all whom she knew.  
Her smile could calm a weary heart,  
Her laughter filled the air.  
And in the quiet little moments,  
She showed how much she cared.

She found joy in simple treasures—  
In word searches filled with fun,  
And in the many pens she gathered,  
Each different from the last one.

A cold Dr Pepper made her smile,  
Three Musketeers could too.  
It was never fancy things in life,  
But simple joys she knew.

But more than all the things she loved,  
Her greatest joy by far  
Was spending time with those she cherished,  
Her nieces—her shining stars.

With every hug and tender smile,  
She taught us how to live—  
To treasure every little moment  
And all the love we give.

Though our hearts are filled with sorrow,  
And tears now softly fall,  
The memories Janet leaves behind  
Will be our greatest gift of all.

And while we grieve her absence here,  
We know this much is true:  
Heaven became a brighter place  
The day it welcomed you.

For souls as pure and beautiful  
Are never far away.  
Janet's love will live within our hearts  
Forever and a day.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Janet Marie Goetz**

Faith  
Hope  
Love  
Cherish  
Together  
Blessings  
Comfort  
Remember  
Heart  
Always

Janet Marie Goetz, of WaKeeney, was born on January 31, 1975, and went to be with the Lord on May 16, 2026. She was the beloved daughter of Gary and Donna Goetz of WaKeeney.

Janet was full of energy, strong opinions, and a personality that could light up any room. If she disagreed with you, you were sure to know it, but she also gave the very best hugs and shared the most beautiful smile. She had a way of making people feel welcomed, seen, and important simply by being herself. Janet's joyful spirit, quick wit, and unmistakable sass left a lasting impression on everyone lucky enough to know her.

She was a devoted K-State and Fort Hays fan, loved word search puzzles, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Three Musketeers candy bars, and DQ Oreo Cookie Blizzards. Janet was famously the only person who would order a Strawberry, Grape, and Cherry Dr. Pepper from Sonic. She also had a unique love for collecting pens. While she rarely used them, she delighted in finding new and different ones to add to her collection, and it became one of the many little things that made Janet so wonderfully special and uniquely herself.

Above all else, Janet was most proud of being an aunt to her five nieces and their significant others. She was the sweetest, funniest, sassiest person, our favorite lady, and everyone's biggest cheerleader. Whether celebrating life's big moments or simply sharing everyday conversations, Janet's love for her family always shined through.

Janet never knew a stranger. If she didn't know someone when she arrived somewhere, she knew them before she left. She would always say, "Hi, I'm Janet, what's your name?" That was one of her many special gifts. She had a remarkable ability to connect with people, making friends wherever she went and leaving others smiling long after their conversations ended.

Her family meant everything to her, and those who loved Janet were truly blessed by her love in return. She especially cherished the time she spent with her one-on-one staff member, Sandra Garner, who became both caregiver and dear friend through the years.

Janet is survived by her parents, Gary and Donna Goetz; her brothers, Terry and wife Melissa, and Brian and wife Jennifer; her nieces, Jacey Grevas (Callum), Hannah Goetz (Reese Nebel), Sydney Goetz (Josh Juenemann), Emily Ostmeier (Kasen), and Olivia Goetz; along with many aunts, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

Rest easy, sweet angel. You will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved you. We love you endlessly.

**JANET MARIE GOETZ**  
*January 31, 1975 - May 16, 2026*

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
*Christ the King Catholic Church*  
*WaKeeney, Kansas*  
*Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.*

**Celebrant**  
*Fr. Brian McCaffrey*

**Cantor**  
*Leanna Keller*

**Music Selections**  
*"On Eagle's Wings"*  
*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"You Are Mine"*  
*"Jesus, Remember Me"*  
*"Be Not Afraid"*

**Lectors**  
*Sydney Goetz Joshua Juenemann*

**Pall Bearers**  
*Callum Grevas Reese Nebel*  
*Kasen Ostmeier Joshua Juenemann*  
*Craig Dechant Tyler Ummel*

**Honorary Bearers**  
*Jacey Grevas Hannah Goetz*  
*Sydney Goetz Emily Ostmeier*  
*Olivia Goetz*

**Interment**  
*Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney*  
*WaKeeney, KS*

**Memorials To**  
*Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK)*  
*Mass Intentions*