



## Janet Marie Grand

August 2, 1947 - December 22, 2025

Janet M. Grand passed away on December 22, 2025, following a courageous journey with glioblastoma. After achieving 3½ years of remission, Janet faced her illness with remarkable strength, grace, and resilience.

Janet dedicated her professional career to serving students and educators as a Special Education Administrative Assistant with WISD.

Janet was the beloved wife of John R. Grand, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage. She was a loving and devoted mother to Natalie (Andrew) O’Laughlin and a proud grandmother to William and Alexander O’Laughlin, who brought her immense joy. She was also a dear twin sister to James (Nadine) Friend.

Known for her kindness, and bright smile, Janet touched the lives of all who knew her. Her courage in the face of illness and her lifetime of service to others will be remembered always. Janet will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Musella Brain Tumor Foundation at [www.virtualtrials.org/grand](http://www.virtualtrials.org/grand)

Janet received vital support for her brain tumor treatment through the Musella

Brain Tumor Foundation, and our family would like to help ensure that others continue to receive the same hope and assistance in their fight.

Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Janet Grand.

Date: January 17, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Karl's Cabin Restaurant

Open house–style gathering.

Strolling appetizers will be served.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Karl's Cabin  
6005 Gotfredson Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ Janet is my cousin. We shared many summers together at my family home in traverse city. Janet’s kind, gentle spirit was so evident and our fun-loving days with Janet and her family in the Detroit area are too numerous to mention here. I cherish the memories with Janet and am confident that God has made a special home for Janet in heaven. God Bless her sweet soul.

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**Gloria Johnson Wildenradt** - March 24 at 04:32 PM

BM

“ I’m so sad to hear about Janet’s passing. I knew Janet from her time at Washtenaw ISD, and you could always count on Janet to be so very kind and to have a smile on her face. Even during difficult discussions, she would always look to find the bright spots, helping us all to refocus on the good. She always cared for the students, families and staff she worked with. She will always be remembered!

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**Brian Marcel** - January 16 at 10:57 AM

RL

“ Kindness! Janet was the kindest person I worked with at Washtenaw ISD. I was fortunate to have worked with so many talented and dedicated people who served children with disabilities in Washtenaw County and Janet stands out as one of the nicest people with whom I had the good fortune to call a friend and colleague. I am saddened to hear of her passing. Peace be to her family, friends and her many coworkers who showed up every day to make the lives of children and the people with whom they worked better. Janet lifted us all. Rick Leyshock

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**Rick LE** - January 14 at 07:13 PM

CO

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Janet's passing! I knew Janet when she worked in Special Education at WISD. She was ALWAYS smiling and I will never forget that wonderful smile and calming demeanor. I also remember hosting Natalie for one of our "Bring Your Children to Work Days" and knew that she was very close to her mother. My prayers go out to John, Natalie and the entire family. She was one of my favorites as I sought her out during tough days as I knew her smile and quiet, calming way would always help!! She will be missed as I often think of her and our time spent at WISD. Cherish all your wonderful memories ALWAYS.

Colleen O'Sullivan

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**Colleen OSullivan** - January 14 at 04:31 PM

GN

“ I never met Janet or any of her family besides her daughter Natalie, but I feel like I know her heart because of her legacy <3 Raising a daughter as kind, helpful, thoughtful, brave and hardworking took an amazing woman. Natalie is a fierce advocate for students with special needs just like her mom! Although I have no memories to share, I know there will be endless good moments in this world because Janet's work will carry on through Natalie and generations to come. I hope the great grief is also felt with great happiness.

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**Gina Nino** - January 07 at 09:23 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. I had the pleasure of sitting in a desk near Janet since we both started working for WISD in 1988. Janet was a supportive friend, always willing to listen and help if she could. My sympathy to all of her family and friends.

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**Marianne Miller** - December 31, 2025 at 04:57 PM

AK

“ Janet was incredibly sweet and always helpful at WISD where we worked together. She was so supportive soothing. She often helped keep me out of trouble by listening to my tales and helping me calm down when I was frustrated at work. Such a wonderful woman!

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**Anne Kornow** - December 24, 2025 at 10:25 AM

GW

I knew Jan in high school. We had several classes together. Was lucky enough to have her as my Prom date. A fine, gentle soft spoken lady. I will never forget.

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**Gregory Wroblewski** - December 25, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BT

I worked with Janet for 20+ years at WISD. She was my work “bestie”. She was always such a sweet, calm person to be around and very rarely got upset. I watched her raise Natalie and knew how proud she was of all her accomplishments. I know that she will be greatly missed by her family. May you cherish your memories of her.

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**barbara Tanner** - December 26, 2025 at 11:08 AM

BD

Janet was my neighbor for over 40 years, a sweeter, gentler lady you could ever find. Sending my love to John, Natalie and family. Rest easy, Janet, you fought the fight with such grace and dignity.

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**Beverley Denner** - December 26, 2025 at 11:48 AM

JF

A beautiful lady in every way. Her positive attitude toward life was infective. Her love for her family was shown in every way. Janet touched the lives of many and she will be missed. Our love and prayers to her family

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**Jane Franko** - December 28, 2025 at 06:08 PM

KJ

*Dear John,*

*Joe PILOTTO informed me today of Janet's passing. Wishing you peace and comfort during this time of unspeakable grief for your family. May the beautiful memories you shared together be a source of joy.*

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**Karen St Jon** - January 03 at 05:33 PM

PM

*I worked with Janet at WISD. She was a kind, caring person who was always willing to help with daily projects. Her positive attitude and sense of humor helped me in many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Pamela Mish** - January 13 at 02:27 PM