



Janet Mary Kilar

November 29, 1936 - December 28, 2025

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.” St. Therese of Lisieux

Janet Mary Kilar went home to Our Lord on December 28, 2025. She earned her wings after 89 years of service to others. Janet, born November 29, 1936, was adopted by Emelia and Joseph Collins from Dearborn, MI. Janet’s childhood was spent traveling, camping, and visiting the US National Parks with her family.

As a teen, Janet discovered a passion for horses. She became an accomplished equestrienne winning several ribbons and trophies in shows, barrel racing and rescue riding, among other events.

Janet was married to Michael J. Kilar for 52 wonderful years. The two met while working at Detroit Edison, specifically while each was playing the outfield for their respective teams. The sparks flew and the rest is history. Sports remained a big part of their lives.

Later, Janet pursued a nursing degree while simultaneously raising four young children. She worked as a registered nurse and also volunteered as a hospice nurse. After 35 years in her profession, Janet retired. She and Michael moved to Tennessee, where they both remained active and social. They found

enrichment in spending time with their growing family, traveling, playing golf and spending leisure time on their lake. Janet also found new opportunities to serve. She volunteered countless hours for Good Samaritan Society, Habitat for Humanity, and a veterinary-pet shelter.

A woman of faith, a devoted wife and mother, Janet loved her family and friends. She was a lifelong learner, a voracious reader and enjoyed sewing and crafts of all kinds. She embodied the “can-do!” spirit. No task was beneath her or challenge beyond her. Janet was known for her excellent baking, especially for her delicious cookies, earning her the title, “The Cookie Lady.”

Janet was preceded in death by her dear husband Michael and son-in-law, Michael Beer. Beloved Mom survived by her children: Karen, Christopher (Carolyn), Kathleen (Robert), and Kurt (Diane). Beloved Grandmother, “Granny” to her 8 grandchildren: Jacob, Adam, Paden, Kate, Anna, Bryce, Jenna, and Ty. Beloved Great Granny to her 10 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Janet will be planned in the future.

Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

The family request that any donations be made in Janet’s name to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or online at <https://angelahospice.org/>