



## Janet Mae Campbell

May 12, 1945 - December 11, 2020

Private memorial services for Janet Mae Campbell, 75 of Burlington, will be held at a later date.

Janet Mae Campbell was born on May 12, 1945 in Redwood Falls, Minnesota to Herbert Frederick and Beatrice Edna (Sandmann) Zeise. On December 31, 2017, Janet married Gene Klein. Janet had several different careers most notable were working on a large ranch, owning and managing a resort, and managing a campground in her later years. She was dedicated to the farming lifestyle. She enjoyed working in her garden and canning what she grew. Janet loved traveling and going out to dance, especially if it was Polka.

Janet passed away the afternoon of Friday, December 11, 2020 at her home in Burlington with her husband by her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Beatrice Zeise; one brother, David, and her sister, Susan.

Janet is survived by her husband, Gene Klein of Burlington; two step children, Mark Chadwell and wife Lisa of College Station, and Sonya Dittmer and husband Doug of Academy; four step grandchildren; six step great grandchildren; and three brothers, Glenn Zeise and wife Ruth of Minnesota, Lloyd Zeise and wife Leslie of Minnesota, and Ralph Zeise and wife Karen of

Minnesota, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Janet is my Aunt. I'm Tara (Zeise) Van Heel, the daughter of Janet's brother, David. When our family was living In Sauk Centre, Aunt Jan and Uncle LeRoy were a big part of our lives. They were our back-up parents. I remember lots of sleepovers with them when Mom and Dad had to be out of town for an event. They were the emergency phone call when I got sick (or peed my pants-- that was traumatic!) at school. I have so many memories of their care for us. Aunt Jan carried on the Zeise tradition of generous and wonderful cooking. When she hosted family dinners and celebrations, the food was always made with so much love. She introduced us to new and adventurous recipes (we still make the lasagna recipe she found in a magazine). And she shared old-fashioned family favorites, like poppy seed cake.*

*Aunt Jan was probably my first boss too, and a tough one. I learned so much working for her out at the Red Barn, about working hard and doing things just how your boss tells you. But the hard work was so rewarding with Aunt Jan.*

*She was there for important moments in my life. She lovingly sewed the dress for my 1st Communion. When I got married, she sat up with me, late into the night, drinking wine and talking, while I finished the decorations on my wedding cake. And one of the last times I talked to Aunt Janet was just a few summers ago when my Dad passed away and we shared our grief over his passing.*

*I hope to celebrate Janet's life by carrying on her legacy of hard work, generosity, and joyful love for those around me. Thank you, Aunt Jan, for all the love you've shared, with me, your family and so many others, throughout your life.*

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**Tara Van Heel** - December 17, 2020 at 08:29 AM

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“ Janet is my first cousin and precious friend. We've stayed in contact even after she moved from Minnesota--and me to North Dakota. Her life had its ups-and-downs like every life, but she handled each with such grace. After losing her first husband she got a little dog, Noney, to care for but she had so much more love to give. She met and married a wonderful man, Gene Klein. Her happiness was present in everything she said when we spoke and in every post on Facebook. Our maiden name is Zeise and that required strength of character at the very least. Her illness was yet another challenge but her love for Gene was her strength. The love they shared was beautiful. Unfortunately they didn't get enough time, just short of 3 years. Rest in peace Jan, and my hope is that Gene can take comfort in the wonderful memories they made together.

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**Becky L Lovgren** - December 15, 2020 at 10:27 PM