

Dr. Janet S. Bumgarner, daughter of John L. and Thais A. (Haley) Parilek, was born on November 28, 1954 in Omaha, Nebraska. She entered into eternal peace on Monday, August 8, 2016 at the age of 61 years, 8 months, 11 days at the Shenandoah Medical Center following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Her early childhood was spent growing up in Waterloo, Nebraska. The family later moved to Elgin, Nebraska, where Janet spent the latter part of her childhood through her high school years. She attended Pope John XXIII High School in Elgin, graduating with the Class of 1973. Following high school, she attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, receiving her undergraduate degree in 1977. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

On June 11, 1977, Janet was united in marriage to the love of her life, Donald Lee Bumgarner in Elgin, Nebraska. To this union two children, Benjamin J. (BJ) and Jessica (Jess) were born.

Following their marriage Janet attended Medical School at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha, receiving her MD degree in 1980. Both Janet and Don enlisted in the US Army as physicians. They spent three years at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, Georgia from 1980 – 1983 and three years at Ft. Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma from 1983 – 1986. Dr. Janet reached the rank of Major in the Army Medical Corps.

They made Shenandoah their home in 1986. Dr. Janet moved to Shenandoah when her daughter, Jessica, was 2 weeks old. She worked for various employers over the years from 1986 through 2016 at the Shenandoah Medical Center as a family physician. She worked in association with Dr. Floyd Jones, for Clarkson Hospital, for Nebraska Medicine (under various names), and Shenandoah Medical Center. She also served as the Page County Medical Examiner for many years and was the SMH Hospice Director. This September she would have celebrated 30 years of medical practice in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Through the years she greatly impacted the lives of her many patients and their families as well as her co-workers with her vast knowledge of medicine and personal, kind and caring dedication to improving the quality of life of everyone around her. Dr. Janet delivered many babies in Shenandoah. She really enjoyed caring for the full range of ages from newborns to centenarians. All she ever wanted to be from a young girl was a family doctor in a small town.

Away from work, Janet enjoyed knitting, bird watching, astronomy, gardening and reading. Janet was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker football fan. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah. She was also active in PEO (DN Chapter), Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, American Academy of Family Practice and the ravelry.com Breast Cancer Support Group.

Preceding Janet in death were her parents, John L. and Thais Parilek; and brother, John Richard Parilek. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Donald L. Bumgarner of Shenandoah; daughter, Jessica A. Bumgarner of Shenandoah; son, Dr. Benjamin J. Bumgarner and his wife, Elizabeth Hilpipre, of Omaha; sister, Mary R. Roberts and husband Richard of Waukegan, IL; nephew, Bryan Roberts and his wife, Lisa, and two sons of Highland Park, IL; nephew, Sean Roberts of Chicago, IL; niece, Jennifer Roberts of Chicago, IL; cousin, Jim Sanders of Clayton, GA; and other cousins, relatives, and many friends.

Services Entrusted to:
Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service

Celebrating a Life



Dr. Janet S. Bumgarner
November 28, 1954 - August 8, 2016

In Loving Memory

Dr. Janet S. Bumgarner

Born

*November 28, 1954
Omaha, Nebraska*

Entered Into Rest

*August 8, 2016
Shenandoah, Iowa*

Age

61 years, 8 months, 11 days

THE TIME HAS COME for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.

~Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

Mass of Christian Burial

*10:30 A.M. Friday, August 12, 2016
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Shenandoah, Iowa*

Celebrant ~ Rev. Vern Smith

Lector ~ Dana Wenstrand

Cantors ~ Jane Emge & Kris Adkins

Organist ~ Mary Beth Gowing

Special Music

*"Ave Maria"
"All Creatures of our God & King"
"Beyond The Sunset"
"Be Not Afraid"
"On Eagles Wings"
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

Register Book

Kim Sheppard & Morgan Dunkeson

Ushers

*Ernie Aust Terry Englemeyer
John Greenleaf Bob Stanbrough*

Private Burial

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

Everyone is cordially invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship immediately following the mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall.