



Jane Koellhofer

August 5, 1948 - May 15, 2020

KOELLHOFER, JANE August 5, 1948 - May 15, 2020, Shelby Twp., MI. Beloved wife of Wolfgang Koellhofer for over 52 years. Mother of David (Mary) Koellhofer, Daniel (Amanda) Koellhofer, and Marisa (Grant) Carona. Dear grandmother to Celina and Amelia (David) Koellhofer, Henrik and Caleb (Daniel) Koellhofer, and Maximilian and Sasha (Marisa) Carona. Daughter of Gino and Marisa (Petrucci) Piccirilli. Sister to Cynthia (Giuseppe) Aiello and Michael (Antonella) Piccirilli. Godmother to Sonia (Aiello) Vittiglio. Jane was fluent in Italian and was active in the Lucchese del Mondo (Tuscan Society), Carpathia Club and Frauengruppe, German American Cultural Center, Austrian Society, and Red Hat Society.

Visitation Tuesday 8:30am until time of Service at 11:30am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr Road at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Jane was born on August 5, 1948 in Detroit and grew up on Coram Street, near Seven Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue.

She was a beautiful teen and offered modeling jobs including a position demonstrating the hula hoop in the window of S.S. Kresge's on Gratiot.

Jane graduated from Osborn High School, Class of 1966, and began work downtown at Detroit Bank & Trust. She worked hard to purchase a candy-apple red Mustang Convertible.

The following Spring of 1967, Jane attended a Sunday afternoon dance party at the Teutonia Club in Windsor with her friends Lynn, Clara, Linda, and Francesca. It wasn't long before Jane's beauty captured Wolfgang's eyes, and soon after, his heart.

After only a few months, Wolfgang asked for Jane's hand in marriage. They were married on September 16, 1967, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Harper Woods.

Jane and Wolfgang purchased their first house on Universal Street in East Detroit. They formed a strong relationship to this day with their next-door neighbors, the Impembas, that included her brother Michael marrying Antonella Impemba.

Anyone who knew Jane knew she loved to dance. In the late 1970s, Jane taught disco dancing classes that sold out two straight years. At a party, she was the first on the dance floor and recruited others for line dances. Her favorite German dance was the Hochzeit!

In 1980, her parents, Gino and Marisa, brought their children's families closer together by building four adjacent houses on the corner of Plumbrook and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights. It was such an incredible environment to have all of the cousins grow up together. Jane loved the weekend picnics in the two-acre backyard and always organized the volleyball match. She had a Karaoke machine that drew all the adults and younger cousins together and made for a fun evening.

Whether it was a New Year's Eve party or a Piccirilli Family Reunion, Jane loved to party plan with her clipboard ready to take notes. She loved hosting and genuinely wanted everyone to enjoy themselves and be happy.

Jane attended Macomb College and was certified in floral design in 1996. She was also a proud graduate of the Sterling Heights Citizen Police Academy which culminated with her having a night shift out on the beat.

Affectionately referred to as "The Coffee Lady" while working a Carpathia Club fish fry, Jane decorated the coffee station and dessert tables according to season and made welcoming small talk with each patron. She looked forward to the Carpathia Frauengruppe meetings and was asked to model for many years at their fashion shows. Jane was fashion-forward and always dressed to the nines.

Jane was fluent in Italian and was active in the Lucchese del Mondo (Tuscan Society) and enjoyed the tradition, camaraderie, and delicious meals at their gatherings.

Additional work positions Jane held included Drs. Burton and Chawla on Seven Mile Road, Winkelman's, Sterling Heights City Hall, election precinct leader, and Express Machine & Tool with Wolfgang; however, first and foremost she prided herself on being a wife to Wolfgang and Mother to David, Daniel, and Marisa.

She cherished her family. Looking back through correspondences she had three wishes

for her children: first that each child graduated from college - and each did. Second, she hoped each found their soul mate - and each did as David found Mary, Daniel found Amanda, and Marisa found Grant. Third, that each married into good families - and each did as David was welcomed into the Myers, Daniel into the Neiharts, and Marisa into the Caronas.

Jane adored her six grandchildren: Celina and Amelia from David and Mary; Henrik and Caleb from Daniel and Amanda; and Maxmilian and Sasha from Marisa and Grant. Each grandchild lovingly knew Jane as Omi and Wolfgang as Opa.

Jane and Wolfgang were avid ping pong players on Thursday nights (they had a record of 65 hits back and forth just last year!). Afterward, she'd have her favorite cranberry and orange juice and sing in the Carpathia lounge. The Tischtennis members were always inclusive with her. When Wolfgang played in the "Oldtimer" soccer games at the Austrian Park, Jane would be there on the sideline rooting him on.

After Wolfgang retired from General Motors in 2008, she enjoyed traveling to Germany twice per year and grew closer to the family there, tending to Aunt Monika in her final days. Jane loved traveling to European countries, especially Italy. On her travels throughout Italy including Pacentro, Livorno, and Aprica, she was an unofficial ambassador acting as a translator and chatting up the locals.

Jane absolutely adored her brother Michael and sister Cynthia. They had such a strong bond for each other and shared so many good times (and desserts) together. She also loved her parents deeply and always told her Mother that she was her best friend.

In her later years, she was cared for by true angels. Her lifelong friend, Lynn from childhood and Sherry and Melody who were close friends. Whether it was crashing dance parties at retirement homes, or having lunch on the town, they showed Jane a fun time and helped her find peace. Wolfgang made his children proud of how he showed love and cared for her so beautifully. Michael, Antonella, Nino, Cynthia, and her Mom and Dad rounded out the ultimate loving care team.

On May 15, 2020, at Wolfgang and Jane's home, Jane made her peaceful journey to Heaven surrounded and embraced by loved ones at her side, including her husband and three children. Her many-decade request of hearing Last Dance by Donna Summer was played before she made her transition to Heaven.

Jane was beautiful, charismatic, loving, and caring. She lived life to the fullest and is

celebrated by so many family members and friends including the Piccirillis, Aiellos, Giglios, Vittiglios, Myers, and Koellhofers in Germany.

Jane's children would like to thank Nonno and Nonna for giving them the treasure of Jane; the best Mother in the world!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HG

“ *In the Name of all the Members of the Austrian Society unser herzlichstes Beileid
Wer stirbt der ist nicht Tod . Er ist Fern . Tod ist wer vergessen wird. Wir werden
Jane nicht vergessen Horst Griesser*

Horst Griesser - May 19, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LG

“ *I only knew Jane as part of our Lucchesi nel Mondo Italian
Club. She was always smiling, cheerful, involved, helpful, a
beautifully bright "star" that lit up a room. She will be
missed. My thoughts and prayers and sincere condolences
go out to all her family. May God comfort you as only He
can at this difficult time.
Love to all,
Licia Garofalo*



Licia Garofalo - May 19, 2020 at 10:05 AM

DP

“ *Jane will always leave and indelible imprint in our memories. Her absolutely light
up a room spirit is one of the strongest powerful impressions that will live on in all
of us.
Our minds and hearts are with you all while you get through this difficult time.*

Dan Parsons - May 19, 2020 at 09:21 AM

FV

“ *Jane has become one of the most loving icons at our
Thursday night TT club. Wolfgang, she was your greatest
cheerleaders. We all loved her and looked forward to
seeing her watch us play table tennis like a bunch of kids in
a very serious competition. She would always try to help us
dig TT balls out from under the gallery chairs. She was
always happy to see each one of us and always smiled as she said "Hi" every
week. I will really miss you Jane, May God have a great place for you in heaven.*



Fred VanTiem - May 19, 2020 at 01:06 AM

SG

“ *Staff Of Dr Bruno Giglio lit a candle in memory of Jane Koellhofer*



Staff of Dr Bruno Giglio - May 18, 2020 at 06:25 PM

LT

“ *Jane always brought a huge smile to my face. Every time she walked into a room she would light it up. Her enthusiasm and love for family and celebrations always added a special memory in my eyes. I ask her to look down on me and my family and shed light on us on the good and bad days.
We love you Jane!!! You will always be a shining star ✨*

We love you and know you are at peace.

Love, Lizzie, Jay, Andrew, Iain, Josh and Cameron. Xoxo 🥰

Liz Myers Twaddle - May 18, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.*



May 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.*



May 18, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JE

“ Gino & Marisa, my deepest sympathy to you on Janey's passing. I remember her so well when we were all young girls. She was the bright light in any room. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

JoAnn DiNello Enekes & Family

JoAnn Enekes - May 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JL

Gino and Marisa, our sincere sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your dear daughter Jane. Our thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏🏻
Joe and Silvana Lalama

joe and Silvana Lalama - May 18, 2020 at 09:32 PM

BF

I am remembering Jane today: her vivacious spirit, her stunning smile and the boundless love she had for her family. Peace to you all.

Bridget Faricy - May 19, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



May 18, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



May 18, 2020 at 11:39 AM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family on the loss of such a beautiful lady. There are no words to console, but may God give you strength and comfort during this most difficult time.

Amelia and Margaret Santeufemia - May 18, 2020 at 09:58 AM

PP

“ Patouhas P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



Patouhas P. - May 17, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DP

“ Jane was the sweetest girl I ever knew. I remember when her and her mother used to come into Naples Bakery, I thought they looked like sister. She had a smile to remember



Deloresl Paoella Patouhas - May 17, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



May 17, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



May 17, 2020 at 05:07 PM

WK

“ With Love, Stacey (Stanek) & Jake Orville and kids purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



With Love, Stacey (Stanek) & Jake Orville and kids - May 17, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Koellhofer.



May 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM

LY

“ Lynn lit a candle in memory of Jane Koellhofer



Lynn - May 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM

MK

Jane was always the nicest and friendliest lady, very willing to voluntary help, we remember most sevring coffee at the fish fry at Carpathia, I never saw her frowning about anything. Rest in Peace, dear Jane! Marianne and Johann Krenzer

Marianne Krenzer - May 17, 2020 at 08:51 PM

LY

“ Lynn lit a candle in memory of Jane Koellhofer



Lynn - May 17, 2020 at 02:14 PM