



## Jane Degenauer

June 28, 1951 - August 9, 2010

Jane Elizabeth Degenauer (Native American name Myingun Nikimo "Wolf Growling") of the Wolf Clan, 59, died on Aug. 9, 2010, at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay, Wis., following a brief battle with cancer.

Jane was born in Hancock, on June 28, 1951, the daughter of Raymond and Doris (Bordeleau) Miron, who raised her to be the strong and loving person she was.

Jane married Delbert Degenauer on Nov. 26, 1983, in Vulcan. They made their home in Vulcan where she took so much pride in her home, flowers and plants.

Jane was the first woman in the State of Michigan to be a card carrying carpenter with the Carpenter's Local Union 1510. She took such pride in her art and carpentry, which was amazing.

She owned and operated the Ice Cream Truck for 1 year and Jane was a very caring and loving person which lead her to work as an arts and craft director and cook at Evergreen Assisted Living. She loved her Lord with all her heart and found great joy and peace in her Native American ceremonies and gatherings.

Jane was a very talented artist. She especially loved to do pencil drawings and her Native American beading and artwork. She loved gardening and her flowers, crocheting, cooking, baking and candy making, especially during the holidays. She loved to decorate for every holiday, especially Christmas. She touched the lives of so many people and was known by her many nieces and nephews as "Auntie Goodie." She also loved her dog, Shayanne.

Jane is survived by her husband, Delbert Degenauer of Vulcan; a son, Dallas Degenauer of Quinnesec, who was the joy of her life; stepchildren, Dina (Aaron Zietlow) Perrault of Green Bay, Wis., and her children, Tyler and Paige, Scott (Susan) Degenauer of Texas, and his children, Omar and Jasmine, Robbie Ann (Eugene) Kollmann and their children, Garrett, Megan and Jordan; two great-grandchildren, MaKayla and Chase Kollmann; her mother, Doris Miron of L'Anse; brothers, Harold (Kathleen) Miron of Covington and David (Julie) Miron of Ishpeming; sisters, Ann (Bogue) Sandberg of Chassell, Joan Miron of Marquette, Phyllis (Terry) Lee of L'Anse, Patty (Chris) Sholander of Crystal Falls, and Jacqueline Miron of Traverse City, Mich.; three sisters-in-law, Frances (late Perley) Hood of Felch, JoAnn (Ron) Matonich of Vulcan and Debby (Pat) Sullivan of Vulcan; four brothers-in-law, Robert (Robelle) Degenauer of Vulcan, John (Cheryl) Degenauer of Norway, Pat (Ann) Degenauer of Baraga, and Michael Degenauer of Norway and many special nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Miron on Nov. 21, 1996, father and mother-in-law, John and Francelia Degenauer, and brother-in-law, Perley Hood.

She will be sadly missed by all who loved her and especially her Native American teachers and special friends Don Jenereau, Mary Aspell, Jim Williams and Nancy Major, and her special sister-in-law, Robelle Degenauer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Jean Larson will officiate.

Burial will be in Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be set up in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Jane E. Degenauer may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ Jane what can I say but I miss you alot. You and I teased each other about being the black sheep of the family. It has taken this long to finally come to terms that you won't be at my house for Christmas your favorite holiday. It was one time of year our family got together and got caught up with what was happening in each others life. You will be sadly missed and a void that cannot be filled. Give dad a hug for all of us.  
Loved you big sis.

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**Harold (Harry) Miron - Covington, MI - Brother** - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I remember growing up as kids we always heard about the Waters's girls and then it was the Miron girls from whom which we followed, when you have a large family of girls (6) in a small town everybody knows you. I think what i remember most about all of the Miron girls is the long hair and one (we were all jealous because my Mom always gave us short hair cuts and we wanted long like you guys, lol) prettier than the next and I think all but the two youngest babysat for us. I remember when Jane became a carpenter and I thought that was the coolest thing, she was cool before her time. My sympathy goes out to all of you and I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Mary Jane Clements Quass - Green Bay, WI - family friend** - September 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was very sorry to hear about Jane's passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeanie Schultz - L'anse, MI - friend** - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Jane. When she worked in Mt. Pleasant at the Embers & I was a student at CMU, my Father always took us to dinner there because of Jane. Thank you for the best meals I had in college. He loved her charm and out-going personality and couldn't wait to see her. I have so many fun memories of the Miron family going back to our days at Sacred Heart and though L'Anse H.S. You are all in my prayers and hope all the wonderful memories you share as a family bring you comfort in the passing of your beloved Jane. God's blessing on all of you.

*Jane Clements*

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**Jane Clements - Ypsilanti, MI - Childhood family friend** - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dina, Trisha and Degenauer Family,*

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Jane, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Michelle Floriano Schneider - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Janie was always referred to as the "pretty one". Because of the number of Miron girls it was just a way that people tried to keep us apart. It was a very true statement about Janie. She was pretty inside and out.

Janie was an older sister who was the first one to tease me but would not allow anyone else to. She was a fierce protector. Heaven help the dummy who picked on or tried to bully me. She wouldn't allow it.

Jane was the one sister that you never loaned your clothes too. It would come back missing a button, broken zipper, rip, or most commonly a catsup or grease stain. It got so she didn't ask, she's just assumed you really weren't serious when you told her NO!!.

Dad dealt with more than a few clogged drains because of the long hair. He would curse and swear about the long hair that seemed to clog the drains at the most inopportune times. Some how though I don't think he truly minded. He was so very proud of his girls. Janie was a very special Daddy's Girl and inherited his love of gardening from him and her green thumb from Granny Bordeleau. Jane also got her stoy telling talent from Dad. Even when she was so very ill she could make a miserable day sound like just a funny misadventure. She described her ride in the Ambulance a few weeks ago and managed to have us all laughing. She said she was going to write a book and call it "Janie's Day".

Jane as a teenager was a slob. She shared a room with Joan who was not a neat fanatic but definitely valued a cleaner room than Jane. I remember vividly a bed with 3 sheets. Joan used to have a separate top sheet folded in half to provide a definite separation of "sides". Her half was always made/ Janes was a ruffled mess. It just wasn't a priority to her.

I have many memories of Jane. Some good and some not. Some happy and some sad. She was sentimental to the extreme. She was my sister and I loved her.

I wasn't surprised by the number of people who came to honor her and say good-bye. She was a unique person who loved life and was loved in return by many varied people. We will miss her.

**Phyllis Lee - Sister** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ Auntie Janie. I was saddened when I received the call from Auntie Ann of your passing, but was relieved to know you were no longer suffering.

*I know we hadn't spent much time together in recent years, save from the few Thanksgivings or Christmases in which I was home to visit. However, I'll always remember the times we spent together when I was child. Mom and the other Aunties can remember all the details of when you would pick me up when I was really little. Unfortunately, I can't remember quite that far back.*

*What I do remember is the passion you had for things you loved to do such as painting, drawing, decorating for Christmas, music, gardening, and the outdoors. You were also very passionate and encouraging of what others were passionate about.*

*I remember how you would drive to L'Anse and pick me up even if it was rainy and take me to Alberta Lake fishing. I remember half the fun of the trip was flipping over logs and rocks to pick worms for the trip....and all the other cool bugs we might see in the process. You usually always followed the fishing trip up by buying me a greasebomb burger and fries at the Dog n' Suds or the A & W restaurant. I always had so much to look forward to when I saw you pull up in your Volkswagen buggy to get me. You loved spending time with me and trying to answer all my incessant questions about life....although most of them were about bugs and snakes I'd try to catch while on our fishing trips. You nurtured my enthusiasm and intrigue for nature and the outdoors as a child and it made lasting impression on me. As a father and stepfather, I know now that it's really important to get those things into kids at a young age, especially with all the distractions we have in our lives now. I will think about you a little more now every time I take Kaya to the beach to pick glass rocks, or take her fishing, take her berry picking or take her sleigh riding. These little things in life are what really matter and you always knew that.*

*God bless you Aunt Jane. I know you're in a better place.*

*Love your nephew Scott, Kathleen and the kids.*

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**Scott Kent - Nome, AK - nephew** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Del & Dallas my thoughts & prayers are with you to be strong thru this tuff & sad time. Jane was like a 2nd mother to Aron when he was growing up, being he spent so much time at your place. She always told me what a polite kid i had & loved having him around. I wish i would have gotten to know her even better than i did. She had such a positive attitude & a spice for life. I was in awe of her pencil drawings at her service, what a talented woman. I'll never forget her smiling face & the long long beautiful hair she had. Rest in peace Jane!*

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**Sheryll Novak - Iron Mountain, MI - Was neighbors for many years.** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Sorry to hear about Jane, we didn't know that she was even sick. Sorry that we could not make it to the funeral but we send you our deepest sympathy.*

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**Ron & Mary Cook - Related thru marriage** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I first met Jane when she was 7-8 years old, and she was always smiling and happy. We moved away and I saw her only a few times as a young adult. We had some serious talks and I glimpsed a little of the beautiful, free spirit that was inside her. Family and friends, my heart aches with you for your loss of Jane. Remember, she is gone from this earth, but she is not gone from you.

*Aunt Mary*

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**Mary Swift - Avon, ME - Aunt** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My sympathy to the family of my dearly loved sister, Jane. Along with you, I will miss her presence and inspiration. Until we dance together again, she will be in my heart. Her smile and her stories will live on through the wonderful memories she has given me and my family. Miigwetch my growling sister.

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**Swoop Turck - Waldo, WI - Friend/Sister** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ No words can comfort the pain of the loss of a wife/mother/loved one/friend we only can offer our love of God to help us through these trying times. Jane will be missed by all that knew her, she was a wonderful human being. We offer our condolences from the bottom of our hearts and soul, her memory will be with us forever. God bless you Del and family, love you Buzz&Lil.

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**Laverne & Lily Buzzo - Felch, MI - Friend/co-worker** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the family of Jane. Just wanted to leave our condolences with you and say that we enjoyed visiting with Jane at Oak Crest Club and she always had something loving to share. She was a very special person that I will always remember.

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**Scott & Brenda Pancheri - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I walked into your house on the other day and your presence was there, everywhere you look and especially your chair at the snackbar. A lot of tears have been shed this last couple of weeks and they were sad tears because of your suffering. Now they are tears of sadness and happiness. Sadness because you are gone and how much we will miss you and Happiness because you are not suffering and in a much better place. Everytime I see a flower or an eagle soaring I will think happy thoughts of you. I know you are taking care of Gods garden now and dancing in the wind. We will miss you so much but you are in our hearts and memories forever. You were a sister to me and will love you always.

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**Debby Sullivan - sister-in-law** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ I will always remember Janie as one of my mother's kindest, most fun-loving, adventurous friends. Her visits to my home in the early 70s when I was a very young child were memorable in every way. She drove to our little country home in her ever-so-cool Volkswagon Bug which was a complete thrill for us....I remember being mesmerized by her beauty; she was the "prettiest friend of my Mommy's" and I honestly thought she might be a movie star. Her inside beauty far surpassed her obvious physical beauty: She was energetic, vivacious, kind, loving and thoughtful...like most people, I have just a handful of memories from my early childhood, but I will always remember the ever so beautiful, sweet, wonderful and loving "Janie Miron." Thank you for touching my life, Janie. My deepest sympathies go to her family and friends.

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**Yvette Winton - Alpharetta, GA** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Will miss u dearly, but will always have thoughts of u each day. My heart goes out to the family. Last month I had the privilege of sitting outside the tp and getting a visit. Jane explain to me how you can't look back at the things you would love to change in raising our children, it would just eat at you inside and do no good for anyone. Instead keep the door open, talk openly to each child and do good from this time on. Jane sat there with her beads and bag of candy, relaxing and visiting like she didn't have a care in the world, because of her beleif in the creator. She knew she can speak openly, from her heart and every thing would be ok. She knew the Creator would carry her when the time came, and she would never go thru this alone. Jane is a strong, caring loved one who tought us all something everytime she spoke. So glad she was in my life!

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**Rose - friend** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jane, I remember you as the very cool cousin. When we visited we used to bomb around in your blue VW Bug.. after your Uncle Ted used to give it the once over... and go to the A&W for floats.... Once we went to some gosh forsaken cabin.. with Lisa, Patty and I think Jackie.. You had talked about bears on the way up, and I was awake all night clomping around in my Dr. Scholl clogs , afraid of the bears. You were kept awake all night too. You never spoke sharply to me, and were always really really understanding. Especially to your kid cousin.

We didn't keep in touch in later years, but I have very strong impressions of you.. very very good ones. I regret not knowing your family, and who you became. I saw Aunt Doris,Aunt Lorraine, Ann, Patty and Phyllis.. this month. That visit was amazing. Raymond, my son, and I, were well fed.... and roasted by our realitives. Very apt.

Jane, I have missed you for years..I just didn't know how much. Godspeed on your journey.

Much Love,  
Kathy

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Kathy Bordeleau - York, ME - cousin - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I'm so sorry for your lose Del, , Jane always had a smile for me whenever i saw her and she will truly be missed.

Love little bit

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Bridget Racine - norway, MI - friend - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Jane,

*You left too soon. Auntie Goody must have also been Grandma Goody because your grandchildren are beyond sorrow now that you are gone.*

*When my kids lost their grandpas, I told them when love is great the sense of loss is great, too. I asked them if they would give back the love in order to escape the pain of loss and of course they said, "No."*

*Your spirit is alive in Dallas. He describes you as an over-protective Mom. Children do that to parents. When children enter our lives, we learn what life is really all about. You live on in Dallas.*

*Your spirit was strong but kind. Rest now. Send Dallas a sign once in awhile--be a little over-protective!--he will be expecting it.*

*Ann, sister, Chassell*

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**Ann Sandberg - Chassell, MI - sister** - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We have shared a lot of good times, difficult times and you were just beginning to teach and share your spiritual path with me. Sorry I took so long to take the first step, but you told me to leave the regrets behind and enjoy the present. My love of the flowers will only grow deeper each time I spend time in my garden as you and Grandma Bordeleau will both be helping me now. I will always see you smiling and laughing. You loved the old movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" and we watched it so many times together. You are the luckiest gal in town, because whoever came into contact with you and needed a hand, got it and you were never afraid to show someone you cared. Dallas learned to love the joy and spirit of Christmas from you and to practice it all year round. He has grown into a fine young man. I am going to need you to watch over me now and help me to keep the Christmas joy and spirit alive in my life all year, too. I love you, Janie, and know you will always be there to help me whenever I need you.

Your sister and friend..  
Joanie (Myingun Mawii)

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**Joan Miron - Sister** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our thought and prayers are with you in your time of loss.

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**Sonny and Sandy - Friend and co\_worker** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ My Dear Friends, Del and Dallas  
I can't tell you how very sorry I was to hear about your sorrow. My deepest sympathy to you. I am at a loss for more words to say.  
May God Bless you.  
Sincerely,  
Ina

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**Ina M. Poland - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Miss you already, but know you are in a better place and pray that you will look after me. Let them get used to you before you start telling everyone what to do where ever you are. I am proud to be your sister and will never forget you! Dallas is a wonderful young man and has a kind and gentle soul just like you.

We will all miss you, our dear sister Janie, but you will forever be in our hearts . There will be tears for sometime, but I like to say they are "happy tears"!

Love, PACK RAT

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Jackie - Traverse City, MI - baby sister - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To Jane and her family.  
I send my condolences to Janie's family and words of comfort for you all. It was too soon to see her travel. My heart is with you all.

Jane....I will miss you my friend...i will always remember the hilarious times on the island staying up and beading....you made me laugh so hard! Your humor and caring will always stay and I hope that you fly high and happy to the big lake. You always made me feel welcome and you smiled so big when you saw my face.....every time....that is a beautiful gift...to make someone feel so welcome and important! I will never forget you my beautiful friend.

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Peggy Shelifoe - Baraga, MI - friend - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jane...you join many friends and family as you walk with the Creator. We will remember all of the triumphs, the laughter, the tears. Dance and sing with joy!

To family and friends, our condolences. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill and Nancy Fuchs

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**Bill and Nancy Fuchs** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our family was saddened to hear of her passing... Dallas, you are especially in our hearts.

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**Doni-Mae Rauch - MN** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Janey, I will always remember the first time I met you, smile on your face and always helping in the "kitchen".

The circle will have an empty space, but I know you will be dancing with us, up with Creator.

To the family, my prayers to all of you for peace as we know Jane now is in peace, without pain.

Blessings, Robyn Soule and family

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**Robyn Soule - friend** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Sister Jane*

*Thank you for so many memories. We have known each other for years and years and years. You have seem me at my best and at my worst. We have sang together and we have danced together. I will carry you in my heart forever and we will see each other again...*

*To the family of Jane.. Thank you for sharing her with us.*

*Jane has went on before us to help make ready a place for us all. This is the way I see it.*

*Bill*

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**Bill and Vicky Bailey - FRIEND!!!!!!** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To Jane's Family,*

*Surely this must seem too soon to let Jane go. We are thinking of you at this very difficult time, and pray for your comfort. Jane was and is a beautiful soul, and will be sorely missed by many. We will continue to love her as she dances with us on the other side.*

*Chris and Lynn*

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**Chris and Lynn Swadley - Marquette, MI - Friends** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Although I only met Janie recently at Rapid River, I was struck by her courage and dignity. I was so honored to be able to help her with the weaving of the willow branches. It will remain a treasured memory for me. My prayers go out to all of you who will miss her so much.*

*Janie--you have touched many more people than you know. May your Journey be a good one.*

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**Sheila Neff - Osceola, IN - friend** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I knew Jane for only a moment. But in that moment she was an inspiration to me. What a beautiful, strong, positive woman! May Creator be with her on that final journey and comfort those who are left behind to celebrate her life and mourn their loss. Bamapii, Jane

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**Joannie Todt - Edwardsburg, MI - friend** - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ my sweet jane we love you so much and will miss you. emma doesnt understand right now but we share our memories to help her remember her auntie. love kim& tom

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**kim & tom roman - gladstone , MI - friend** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Jane:

*Thanks for the laughter and numerous memories. May you walk with the Creator in peace with no more pain. You are now among angels and soaring above eagles.*

*To Jane's entire family - my sincere condolences and prayers to all of you.*

*respectfully,*

*April*

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**April Lindala - Marquette, MI - Friend** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Janie.....you are my sister, but you have always known that. I am so sad to have you leave to soon, but know that you are walking with the creator now. I will remember you always for your kindness, humor, love of music and most of all your love of life. Life is really quite precious, but you always knew that too. Love you always Janie. Nancy*

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**Nancy Major** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I did not know you Jane, I know your friend Mary. You sound like a wonderful caring woman. Peace to you and to all that knew you. May they all find comfort in simply having known you. Dance your dance, sing always. Be free. Love from a friend.*

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**carmel - Gladstone, MI - Friend of friend** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I love you, Jane. You will walk with me always. Every time I dance, I will remember you dancing. When I sing, you will be singing with me. Blessings and Love!*

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**Robelle - Vulcan, MI - Sister-in-law, dear friend.** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please know our loving thoughts embrace you.  
May happy memories replace the sadness in your heart.  
With heartfelt condolences. Don Jenerou and Mary Aspell Giizz  
May I share too, Jane became Aunt Goodie To Me , on July 10th. a  
couple days into camping out at the Rapid River Grounds. Jane was  
feeling so good surrounded by friends also camping, and it was later  
in the evening and all were settling down, after a beautiful day at  
Ceremonie. I happened to peek in on her to see how Jane was and  
.. Come in come in she said , to her tent that was set up inside her  
T.P. You've got to see how I have this all set up , A bed fit for a  
Princess she had all comfortable w/ Blankets from home and a side  
table, all her needed supplys and slippers and a cooler all kinds of  
comforts . Jane said sit here , Beside me on the bed , I was  
hesitent, Not wanting to crowd her and that was her safe place , A  
happy cacoon, But Jane insisted and wanted to comfort me at the  
time w/ a bag full of candies we ate.

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**Mary Aspell Giizz & Don Jenerou - Rapid River, MI - special** - August 10, 2010 at  
12:00 AM