



Janet L. Picerno

September 16, 1942 - January 1, 2013

Janet L. Picerno, 70, of New Britain, was born in Buffalo, NY on Sept. 16, 1942, where she attended local public schools. She graduated as a French major and Spanish minor with high honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton Harpur College. She received her Master of Arts degree in Romance Languages and Literature from UConn, and her sixth-year teaching certificate from CCSU.

Janet began her teaching career as a foreign language instructor in the Williamsville, NY public school system in 1966, and continued teaching Spanish in the Wethersfield, CT school system until her retirement in 2006.

Janet was a member of several academic organizations, among them the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers, whose annual Fall conferences she continued to chair for many years, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and the UConn and Harpur College Alumni Associations.

Janet was a dedicated communicant of the First Lutheran Church of the Reformation in New Britain, as well as a member of its vocal and bell choirs, its Altar Guild, and its Outreach Committee. She was a gifted ballroom dancer and a devotee of art, music, and the theater.

Janet is survived by her loving husband Richard, her cherished children Alisa M. Gaudiosi of Simsbury, and Dr. Matthew R. Picerno of Bristol, RI, as well as her adored grandchildren Saffron Marie and Sebastian Lewis Gaudiosi, and Sophia Grace Picerno. She also leaves three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

She will be forever remembered, missed, and loved by everyone she touched.

Calling hours are Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Funeral services will follow Friday 11 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Lutheran Church or The American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Jan was a kind, caring, gracious person with whom I had the honor to work as part of the CT COLT family. She gave so much of herself to all that she did and she will be missed by all that knew her. She and her family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marilyn Horton - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Jan attended my Technique Classes at Williams-Sonoma at West Farms Mall. I always looked forward to her smiling face and her questions at every class. She will be missed. She truly loved her family and her grandchildren.

Suzanne Goldberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Jan was like a second mom to me. when i was hyper i have adhd or sad, or mad all she would do is put her hand on my shoulder and smile at me and id feel better. everytime i told her i got beat up or in an accident she wouldnt leave me alone untill she knew i was ok. i loved her smile, her lauph, her personality, and her voice. she had a voice of an angel. shes probobly in heaven right now singing in Gods choir. i love and will miss you Janet. R.I.P

Louis Sacco - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Jan.I met her through the Junior Woman's Club of New Britain in the 1980's.She was a smart,cheerful, friendly lady.She always had the right shade of lipstick on.She was always neat and pretty.She spoke highly of her family and was very proud of them.She will be deeply missed. I am sorry I will be unable to say my last goodbye to her and and support her family on Friday.God bless...

Sandra Andrews - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Picerno was my Spanish teacher at WHS. I remember her most fondly for her enthusiasm, her easy-going manner & her patience and dedication to her students. If a student didn't understand a concept, she would sit & help/encourage them until the pupil understood. She was an exceptional teacher. I don't ever recall seeing Mrs. P without a smile on her face and a kind word to whomever she passed by in the hallways. My thoughts and prayers are with the Picerno family at this most difficult time.
Sincerely,
Missy Melissa Lasher

Missy Lasher - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Picerno was a lovely and friendly woman. She always took a moment to say hello during church. She will be dearly missed. May the good Lord welcome her with open arms and may he comfort her family in their time of sorrow.

Carmen Sierra - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Janet will be greatly missed by all of us at the Westfarms Gymboree where she frequently shopped for her grandchildren. She was one of our regular customers who knew us all by name. Our sincere condolences go out to her family.

Ann Blakelock - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Jan, a beloved friend during our Wethersfield/COLT years. She was a loyal, hardworking, talented, caring teacher, collaborator, chaperone or chairperson. Her qualities were steadfast - whatever her role. She was always graceful and giving. I cherish these precious memories wherein she lives, my beloved friend. Emily Peel

Emily Peel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Janet will also be greatly missed by the people in her exercise classes. She was always a joy to see and talk to.
Extending my heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Picerno family.

Virginia Moretti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Jan was my colleague in the Wethersfield public schools. She was one of the most supportive teachers on staff. I was delighted when she received an important peer award which recognized her contribution to our schools. She will be missed by her friends, family and students, but her influence will live on in our memory.

Richard, quisiera darte mi sincero pésame por esta triste pérdida de tu querida esposa. Que descanse en paz.

Jackie Jones - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I always remember your Mom's happy smile and the fun times we had at your house as kids. I am so sorry for your loss and hope your many memories will sustain you during this difficult time.

Alison Moss Gee - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jan will always be remembered for that beautiful smile and those twinkling eyes, her dedication to the children she taught and her loving family... and her many interests and wonderful surprises - ballroom dancing and ice skating. We worked together at Silas Deane Middle School and at Wethersfield High School, and she was always the go to gal when something needed to get done. She will be missed by all those who knew her!

Mary-Jane Pazda - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Jan was a wonderful person. I enjoyed all of our encounters while we taught at SDMS. My daughters also have fond memories of her kindness and dedication as their Spanish teacher. Jan was a role model for all of us. Her memory will live on in the hearts of everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by her. May it console the family to know how much she was loved.

Donna Russo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ This is very sad news, Jan will be missed in the Southington Festival Chorale and by our alto section. We shared beautiful music, pictures and stories about our families. My sympathy to all her family.

Denise Danks - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Although I am grieving the loss of a wonderful friend, I am also remembering the joy for life and its many surprises that Jan had. We should all be like her and keep that lesson in our hearts as we honor her with our thoughts and prayers.

sincerely, Gail Tanguay

Gail Tanguay - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Jan was unfailingly kind and cheerful. She was a consummate colleague, devoted CT COLT member and dear friend. A long-time co-chair of Connecticut's annual fall language conference, she led by gentle guidance and with an unwavering support of her CT COLT family. I cherish each and every moment I was fortunate to have been able to work with her. She was an exceptional colleague and friend and a gentle, persuasive leader. I miss her very much and wish her family comfort and support in the days to come.

Barbara Lindsey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Janet devoted such energy to both her church choir and community choirs. We will miss her so much. Our prayers are with Richard and family in their loss.

William Hively - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I always loved her smile!

Mark Kaufman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM