



Jennifer A. Van Cleave

September 29, 1958 - November 23, 2018

Princeton – Jennifer A. (Mecum) Van Cleave, 60, of Princeton, IL passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria, IL.

Jennifer was born on September 29, 1958 to Charles Mecum and Betty Jean Philhower in Kewanee, IL. She was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1976. She attended Sauk Valley Community College, earned an associates degree in accounting from Illinois Valley Community College in 2012 and was a graduate of Western Illinois University, 2014, with a bachelors. She married the late Roger Van Cleave on December 23, 1989 at the New Hope Church of the Nazarene, in Princeton, IL. Jennifer worked as an Insurance Sales Associate for a time as well as a hub manager at UDS Delivery Service. But she fulfilled a long-held goal when she worked as an advocate at Freedom House from 2015 to 2018, retiring due to health issues.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking and anything starring Kiefer Sutherland. She loved playing solitaire and collecting souvenir spoons. Jennifer also loved listening to the Carpenters and her all-time favorite Jim Croce. You'd often find her singing songs to her kids, too.

Jennifer is survived by one daughter, Ariel Van Cleave – Seattle, WA and one son, Ulysses Van Cleave – Princeton, IL, one sister, Daniel Johnson – Peoria,

IL; one brother, David (Andrea) Mecum; two nieces, two nephews and multiple grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Roger Van Cleave, one son, Starr Mecum, one daughter, Schuyler Van Cleave and one brother Stacy Mecum.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Norberg Memorial Home on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jennifer and I went to school and graduated together in 76. We were neighbors for a time in Dover as well. What I remember most about you: You were so kind, quiet, and I never heard you speak badly of anyone. But also you were so darn smart, yes I was envious of your smarts. Although we have not spoken since graduation, a few short years ago, (haha) my heart aches for your family and children in this time of sadness. Praying for your children. Peggy Woolley - Spicer



Peggy Woolley Spicer - November 28, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.



November 28, 2018 at 12:16 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.



November 27, 2018 at 09:43 PM

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“ Amreen & Imran purchased the Cheeseboard Co mplete for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.



Amreen & Imran - November 27, 2018 at 09:33 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Ariel and Uly. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sally Pelszynski - November 27, 2018 at 10:51 AM

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“ Every day Jenni attended PHS, she came to my class as I was her Spanish teacher for four years, I have always thought of her as Genoveva, and I loved her. She was kind, funny, generous of spirit, and oh, so smart. She stitched a gift for me back then...a little lap robe in blue with “profesora” in rainbow colors. It’s been forty-two years and I still remember the day she gave it to me. I am shocked and so very sorry to hear of her passing. I’ve remembered her all these years as one of my all-time favorite students and I send my sincerest sympathy to her family. She was surely one of the good ones...

Lynn Lowe - November 26, 2018 at 11:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.



November 26, 2018 at 11:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.*



November 26, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *KNKX Public Radio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jennifer A. Van Cleave.*



KNKX Public Radio - November 26, 2018 at 07:45 PM