

Jane Knothe, age 65 of Winona, MN, passed away on July 2, 2022, at home with her husband and sister by her side. Cancer may have shortened her life, but in her words, the hand that she was dealt did not define her. Rather, Jane was blessed to have lived her life as a true reflection of the Bible verse "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!". Thus she considered herself very lucky in every way. Each day her inner beauty, infectious smile, and desire to help anyone and everyone in a non-judgemental way, led her to a life filled with an accepting smile, quick wit, glowing kindness, and a bevy of treasured friendships with people of all ages. Jane was fond of proper grammar, a stickler for manners, courtesy, and hospitality, and guests rarely left her house without a parting gift. Her marriage with Terry of 44 years was built on the foundation of unconditional love, constant communication, and shared passions of faith and family, the wonders of nature, and of their pets. Her unbelievable memory skills and ability to put things in perspective led Terry to coin the phrase, "What would Jane do in this situation?" as they shared the daily questions of life. Jane helped make the world a better place. Even though she was too modest to ever say so, she would hope that somehow, someday, people might find an example in her life that could also help make life just a little bit easier for someone, somehow. Jane was born February 10, 1957, in Chambersburg, PA, to Joseph and Shirley (Coryea) Lutz. She graduated from Burnsville, MN Senior High School and Winona State University. On August 26, 1978, she married the love of her life, Terry Knothe. Jane worked 20 years with Winona Health followed by 20 more years at Merchants Bank as an Executive Assistant until her retirement in 2020. She led groups like 10 Days of Giving, United Way, Steamboat Days functions, Christmas holiday concerts and many others. She was very active in her community, delivering meals for Winona Volunteer Services, serving on the board of St. Anne's Foundation and the Winona Area Red Cross, Past President of the Winona Area Women in Business group, a member of local Professional Administrative Assistants organizations, PEO, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Jane will be forever loved and missed by her husband, Terry, who she loved with her whole heart; her sister, Carolyn Lutz, brother, Greg (Martha) Lutz, sisters-in-law, Mary Pat (Jay) DeLong, Pam (Mark) Moran and Connie Knothe (Randy Olson); nieces and nephews, Amber Jane (Joe) Christman, Zach (Alyssa) Lutz, Jamie (Jeremy) Pauls, Chad Knothe (Erika Torrison), John (Tabatha) DeLong, Austin (Kaitlin) DeLong, Ben (Kelsea) DeLong, Eric (Alyssa) DeLong, Taylor (Brianna) Knothe and Emily Knothe; stepmother-in-law Judy Knothe, many great-nieces and nephews and her much loved four-legged companion, Finn. She was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Shirley Lutz; brothers-in-law, Mark and Mike Knothe; and parents-in-law, Al & Mary Knothe. Jane's family would like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of support showered upon Jane, and on all of us during this health journey. Family, friends, neighbors, prayer chains, the staff of Gundersen Health System, Fr. Mike Cronin, and so many others helped provide physical, mental, and spiritual support in a way that is truly appreciated.



FUNERAL MASS FOR

*Jane Findley Knothe*

11:00 A.M., SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WINONA, MINNESOTA

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*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall  
soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Prelude Music  
Procession with Urn  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save Colm Fitzmaurice  
Jesus Loves Me, "Finn's Hymn" Megan Mathison Wynia

**Officiating - Reverend Michael Cronin**  
**Soloists - Megan Mathison Wynia and Colm Fitzmaurice**  
**Accompanist - Rachel Kimman**  
**Lectors - Kathy Lewis and Bridgid Smith**  
**Gift Bearers - Amber Christman and Jamie Pauls**

***Introductory Rites***

Greeting and Sprinkling of Holy Water  
Gathering Hymn: Morning Has Broken #855 Congregation

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
**Amber Jane Christman Zach Lutz Jamie Pauls Chad Knothe**  
**John DeLong Austin DeLong Ben DeLong Eric DeLong**  
**Taylor Knothe Emily Knothe**  
**Many Beloved Godchildren**

***Liturgy of the Word***

First Reading: Psalm 23:1-6  
Responsorial Psalm 118: Let Us Rejoice #81  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1  
Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia #334, verse 7  
Gospel: John 14:1-6  
Homily  
Prayers of the Faithful

Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to join the family for a meal in Marian hall. At the conclusion of the meal, all are invited to Wood-lawn Cemetery where Jane will be laid to rest.

***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

Preparation of Gifts:  
For the Beauty of the Earth #633 Congregation  
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation  
Communion Procession: On Eagle's Wings #691 Congregation  
Hymn after Communion:  
Hymn of Promise Megan Mathison Wynia

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***Eternal Father strong to save, hallowed be your name.  
We seek your presence to celebrate the life of Jane Findley Lutz  
Knothe. We give thanks to you as we journey together through this  
time of worship, and celebration of Jane's life. It was a life that has  
touched each member of her loving family, and her many friends.  
She exuded a sweet and caring heart to all. Bless the enduring  
impact of this life. Her living and love for each one of us is so  
apparent. Thank you for your mercy, amazing grace, abundant love,  
watchful eye, and your guiding hand amidst our gathering here in  
this place of worship today. Praise to you for Jane's life among us.  
We are grateful for all the memories she has left for us. They will  
continue to dwell in our hearts. We ask all of these favors in your holy  
name. Through Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit, we give you thanks  
for all that you have done and will continue to do with us.  
In His name we pray, Amen***

***Final Commendation***

Eulogy Carolyn Lutz  
Song of Farewell: The Hand of God Shall Hold You #981  
Final Blessing  
Sending Forth: I Danced in the Morning #796 Congregation

**Uncle Dave Lutz**  
**Retired Methodist Minister**