

Janice Anne Shoemaker Youman

December 8, 1943 (Freeport, IL)

June 14, 2023 (Stillman Valley, IL)



Janice Ann Shoemaker Youman passed away peacefully but unexpectedly Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. Jan was born on December 8, 1943, in Freeport, IL to June and Arnold Shoemaker. She attended Rockford West High School, graduating in the class of 1961. She worked in a variety of roles in Rockford.

Her primary and most beloved role was “Mom,” running the family home. She also loved being a Grandmother. Family and friends will remember her love of her family, colorful stories of family lore, extreme passion for all animals and wildlife, and feeding the neighborhood birds and squirrels.

Jan is survived by her children, Breisa (Donald) Grandolfo and Benjamin (Kristine) Youman; grandchildren, Nathaniel, Nicholas, and Katherine Youman; brother-in-law, Rick (Marilyn) Youman; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jan was preceded in death by her sister Carol and husband Ronald.

A graveside service will be conducted at Big Mound Cemetery on Big Mound Road in Davis Junction, IL on Saturday, July 8th at 12:00 pm with a small memorial and gathering to be held after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jan’s name can be made to Noah’s Ark Animal Sanctuary, Inc (www.noahsarkanimals.org) or a charity of your choosing.

Reference:

<https://www.farrellhollandgale.com/obituaries/janice-youman>