



Heather D. Janssen

October 19, 1973 - July 24, 2012

HEATHER JANSSEN VULCAN - Heather Dawn Janssen age 38, of Vulcan passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, from injuries following a car accident. She was born on October 19, 1973 in Norway, the daughter of Roger and Diane (Opolka) Peppler. Heather graduated from Norway High School in 1991, and then attended Lakeshore Technical Institute in Cleveland, WI where she earned a degree in Equine Management. She also earned an associate degree as a Pharmacy Tech and worked for the TDS Group, most often at the Norway Drug Store. Heather married Brian Janssen on September 30, 1995 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norway. Heather leaves behind her best friend and husband of 17 years, Brian; her 11 year old son, Austin, the love of her life; her parents Roger and Diane Peppler; sisters Amber Peppler-Giguere of Vulcan, and Summer (Jason Ziller) Peppler of Vulcan; niece Sophia DiAnna Giguere; nephews Solomon Giguere and Hunter Ziller; in-laws Larry and Debra Janssen of Vulcan; special Aunties Lori Opolka and Kathy (Opolka) Butler; a very loving extended family with many aunts, uncles and cousins, and the Cherry Ridge Farm Family. Horses were Heather's passion, especially Arabian horses. Over the years she taught many students how to ride. She not only taught them how to ride but also taught them respect, manners and responsibility. She was kind to all and would help anyone in need, all with that beautiful smile on her face. She touched the hearts of many, easily gaining respect and admiration from friends and strangers alike. Heather was an inspiration to all who knew her and she

will be greatly missed. Family will greet friends on Saturday, July 28 from 9–1 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Msgr. Jed Patrick, presiding. The family request in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made for a future memorial fund in honor of Heather. Run free, Heather, in Heaven on the back of an Arabian horse. Watch over us. You will forever be in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Keeping you close in my thoughts today and in this difficult time. Sorrow and pain are terrible to bear. Please know that I am always here to lend a shoulder or an ear....because I care. May God grant you all the strength you need.

Michele Soto - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Diane & Family: All thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May your happy memories help ease your pain. Memory Eternal, Heather.

Carol Janchenko - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Brian & Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with both families. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Keith & Nancy Carlson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Heather was such an asset at the pharmacy; she will be missed by so many. Keep close those wonderful memories and we pray for your healing and comfort. May God Bless all of you!

Barb Menghini - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our hearts go out to your family. Words can not describe the sorrow I feel for the family. Heather will be riding horses with Renate in Heaven.

Sue TerMaat & family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ no way to express sorrow over this most sad death. I had the opportunity to work with Heather in Norway at the rx store. We enjoyed our work and horses (and horsing around--always fun and interesting). She will be missed by all who knew her...respectfully
Bill Holmes-pharmacist

WILLIAM S HOLMES RPH - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Heather's Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all today. Horse show in Escanaba today, remembering all the great times at the U.P. state fair. Showing in my PURPLE outfit today for Heather.

Dianne (Poe) LaChance - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to all of you. I know how much Heather loved and was loved. Although I had not seen her in many years, we remained in contact from a distance and I appreciated her friendship, kindness and understanding in everything. She was truly a special, unique woman and I will miss her dearly.

Angela Retchko and family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Words can not express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. It's just not fair to take someone so young and full of life. Any time I saw her she always had a smile on her face. Brian you and your son have a beautiful angel watching over you. God bless all of you. I will keep you in my prayers.

Terri Cross Bartels - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I know the pain will dull with time but Heather will always be in your hearts. May God's love enfold you and comfort you. My prayers are with you.

Susan Gendron Huotari - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dear family of Heather..I am soo sorry to hear about the loss of Heather. She was a great person and was a phenomenal horse back rider as well. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her. Love, Tiffany LaFond

Tiffany LaFond - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ The horse world lost a very special person this week. Her presence will be miss at future shows. Peace be with her and her family.

Paula - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Our sincere sympathies go out to Heather's family. She certainly will be missed by everyone she touched during her life. We'll never forget the kindness and support Heather showed our family when we boarded our horse at her stable. She was an awesome young lady.

Andy & Chris Hongisto - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Printed words just cannot express enough how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Heather was an amazing person. My heart aches for you all. God bless your entire family with all of his grace and healing to bring you through these times. Love to you all.

randall Mattson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dianne Roger Amber Summer Brian Austin.....I am so sorry for the loss of such a special woman. Heather was such an important person to me in junior high and high school. Her laugh and smile will live in so many hearts forever.

Stephanie (Toth) Moore - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Brian & Austin, there are no words to express how sorry we are for your loss. Heather was a wonderful person who loved to help everyone. I always looked forward to our "little" visits when I would go to the pharmacy. Please know that time will help heal though you will never forget. We wish you, Austin, and both of your families our deepest sympathy and support. Becky, Terry & Nick Kleikamp

Becky & Terry kleikamp - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear about Heather. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers... She was a very special person and will be missed by many who knew her..

Cindy (Bates) Thompson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Words can not express my sorrow. I will help watch over Brian and Austin. I have no words that can express my feelings for Brian, Roger, Diane Larry, Deb and especially Austin. I will ensure I visit more and help as much as possible. Sorry, just a loss of words. I am deeply saddened and do not understand why God would take Heather now.

Tom & Karrin Orlor - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am one of Heather's students from the 1990's. She found my dream horse for me. She made me feel like I could accomplish anything. Heather changed my life, and will always be an inspiration to me. Every time I work with one of my Arabian horses, I think of what Heather taught me. I try to be gentle and kind, with a strong love for every one of my horses as an individual. I give each one lots of "TLC". Heather will forever be with me in my heart.

Amy (Saario) Baumer - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We send our thoughts and prayers in your time a sadness. Know she is watching over you all and will be an angel waiting to see you all again someday. With sympathy,
Scott and Tammy DeBakker

Scott and Tammy DeBakker - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I wish i had the words to express how sorry i am. So much goes through my mind right now. I feel very privileged to have watched her grow into a beautiful woman. and proud to have called her a friend. She will never be forgotten. Love to you all,Julie

Julie McDonald - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I only knew Heather from her waiting on me at the pharmacy; something she always did with a smile. The entire town seems to be mourning your loss. Your family is in my prayers. God Bless

Nancy Pellegrini - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Brian and family, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Heather was an amazing person.*

Karen (Giuliani) Bishop and family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ *Brian, Austin, and entire family of Heather, I am sorry to hear about your loss of Heather. I remember her from elementary school (she was a year younger than me). Although I moved to Green Bay many years ago, I always enjoyed watching her ride at the Dickinson County Fair every year. She was a true joy to watch and was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed by all who knew her. Cherish her memories to help you get through this very difficult time, and lean on your family and friends for comfort and support. I'm sure Heather is riding like the wind up in Heaven, and is now your Angel in Heaven.*

Dina Perrault (Degenaer) - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Such a sad sad loss...I am so glad I got to speak to her on Monday at the Pharmacy a bit. Prayers for Brian ,Austin and Families....She could ride a horse with such grace...No one will ever forget her style.....R.I .P Heather ..Much Love.*

Rachel Siegle - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Brian, Austin and all family members, we are so sorry for the loss of such a beautiful sweet woman and may you all find strenght in each other to help carry you thru this tragedy. We have found memories of Heather her smile and she always seemed so happy she was a very wonderful person who will be miss by all who had contact with her.

Travis & Kristie Girardi - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Austin, Brian, Diane, Roger: I am SO sorry for your loss. I was so blessed to have Heather cross my path when I was priviledged enough to care for Austin in my daycare years ago. Heather had heart of gold, patience of a saint and a zest for life that was unmeasureable. Her unconditional love, consistent discipline and unselfishness made her the best mom Austin could ever have. She was so proud and honored to be Austin's mom. We shared many stories of God's blessing of having a "little boy" and what joy he brought her everyday. I know Heather's family meant the world to her, because as I got to know Heather I also was fortunate to get to know all of you, through visits at my home and the many stories Heather would share with me. I am sure you'll charish all the memories made at the farm and on vacations. Heather's life here on earth wasn't long enough for any of us, for we will all miss her; however, the legacy she leaves will go on forever. You are all in my thoughts and Prayers. BIG hugs to you Austin! May God hold you all tightly in His arms during this difficult time. Love, Angela

Jason and Angela Gustafson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Dearest Debbie and Family,
May God hold you close and carry you through these heartbreaking days. Our prayer is that you may find comfort in each other as you remember Heather and the love you shared with her. Our Sincerest Sympathy, Larry & Mary Gasperich*

Mary Gasperich - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Words cannot express my sorrow for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this difficult time.*

Linda LaFreniere - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM